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**NOTE:** Abbreviations used in this book: SCDNR or DNR indicates South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. WMA indicates Wildlife Management Area (an SCDNR managed public hunting area).

# What's New for 2004-2005

**NOTICE:** Any personal information collected by the Department for licenses, boat titles and registrations, except social security numbers, are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. However, if released, state law prohibits the use of this information for solicitation or commercial purposes.

## Legislation Passed in 2004

**Please Note:** Detailed information on these laws and regulations can be found at many local libraries or on the Internet at [www.scstatehouse.net](http://www.scstatehouse.net). (The Bill numbers are indicated in bold type.)

### SCDNR 2004 RULES & REGS DOC

#### LEGISLATION ADOPTED

**H.3989 Ocean Shad** This Act closes the commercial gill net fishery for American shad in the Atlantic Ocean waters of the State. Effective with the 2005 commercial shad season, use of gill nets in South Carolina's Territorial Sea is not allowed.

**H.4591 Crossbow Hunting Allowances** This Act adds rheumatologists to neurologist and orthopedist as a physician that can provide a certified statement of disability for statewide use of Crossbows during any open season for deer, turkey, or bear by a person who suffers from an upper limb disability. This Act also allows a person sixty-two years of age or older to use a crossbow to hunt during seasons when the use of primitive weapons are authorized for hunting.

**Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Prohibition in Certain Coves on Lake Marion:** This Act also makes it unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl in the cove on Lake Marion immediately to the southeast of the Indian Bluff recreation site and in the coves on Lake Marion immediately to the east of the St. Julien Subdivision Extension and Cypress Shores Marina. The DNR will delineate the boundaries of these coves to which the prohibition applies and will place appropriate markers within these boundaries identifying the area as closed to migratory waterfowl hunting.

**H.4756** This Act establishes a statewide 12-month squirrel season with dogs but without weapons.

**Budget Proviso 24.18 (DNR: Grass Carp Testing Recoupment Fee)** This budget proviso allows The Department of Natural Resources to charge and retain a fee of one dollar per fish for fish five (5) inches or longer and a fee of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for fish less than five (5) inches to recoup the cost of certification testing of Triploid Grass Carp to assure that such fish are sterile before they can be imported into the State.

## NOTICE

Due to State Government reduction, the Map and Information Center will close permanently on June 30, 2004.

As of August 1st, topographic and fishing maps can be purchased at the DNR Wildlife Shop at 1000 Assembly Street.

Thank you for your patronage over the past 28 years.



**DNR**

#### Applicant Information:

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate box: ☐ landowner ☐ lessee ☐ club member ☐ other

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, SC Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Property or Club Name: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

County of Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Landowner Information: (if same as above, leave blank)

Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, SC Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicant Is Not The Landowner, The Landowner Must Sign the Consent Form on the back of this form.

## Property Watch PROGRAM Application

If you would like to join the Property Watch Program, simply fill in this application and return it to the DNR Law Enforcement Division at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, Attention: Property Watch Program.

For more information about the program, see page 9, write to the address above, or call (803) 734-3615.



## Nuisance Aquatic Plants and Animals

Placement or introduction of some aquatic plants and animals into waters of South Carolina is environmentally unsafe and may be unlawful.

Prevention of introduction and spread of non-native, or non-indigenous, species is the responsibility of all outdoorsmen and women. Residents and visitors should be familiar with state and federal controls on possession, movement, and introduction of non-native plants and wildlife before introducing any living material into waters of South Carolina. An intentional or unintentional introduction may be a violation.

Other than for research under permit it is not lawful to possess, sell, or place into any waters many water plants including alligator weed, water chestnut, water hyacinth, hydrilla, or any plant on the

Federal Noxious Weed List of prohibited plants species.

Without a permit it is unlawful to introduce, import, possess, or transport for release any species of marine or freshwater fish or invertebrate not already found in the wild or not native to South Carolina. Exemptions are allowed for possession for exhibition purposes only by municipal zoos or parks, circuses, and public museums, scientific, or educational institutions.

The Department will not grant a permit unless it finds that the aquatic species was taken lawfully in the jurisdiction of origin and that the importation, release, or possession of the wildlife is not reasonably expected to adversely impact the natural resources or wildlife populations of South Carolina.

The department may issue special import permits to qualified persons for research and education for specific types of non-indigenous freshwater fish, otherwise



they are prohibited for possession or sale. Examples are certain catfish, electric eel, walking catfish, piranha, stickleback, Mexican banded tetra, sea lamprey, and snakehead. Stocking and removal of non-

reproducing white amur or grass carp hybrids are lawful, but only when approved by the Department. The importation of tropical fishes, reptiles, or amphibians for sale as pets generally does not require a permit; however, the import or possession of a species otherwise protected or regulated by law may still be prohibited or allowed only under permit.

Because of the likelihood of shellfish disease introduction, it is unlawful to place oysters, clams, or mussels brought from other states into the saltwaters. Even open shells may have non-native animals attached or harbor diseases that will affect native shellfish. Shellfish growers may be permitted to import shellfish from safe waters.

Further information about nuisance aquatic plants and animals can be found on the Department's website at <http://water.dnr.state.sc.us/water/envaff/aquatic/index.html> and by calling:

Aquatic Plants	(803)755-2836
Freshwaters	(803)734-3935
Saltwaters	(843) 953-9390



- An 8 1/2 x 11 "plat" of the property. This could be any type of illustration to give the officer an overview of your property.
- A letter which states that you intend to prosecute trespassers.
- A current list of members or persons with permission to utilize your property.
- A copy of the lease agreement or a letter signed by the landowner giving approval for the Property Watch Program, if the applicant is not the landowner.

**IMPORTANT: Read the statement below and sign in the provided area.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am applying to the DNR to enroll the above property into the Property Watch Program. The DNR is **not** contracting with me for additional services, only to provide assistance in enforcement of natural resource and other outdoor related laws and to provide guidance on the deterrent of trespassing. I agree to hold harmless the DNR or any of its agents in the course of this agreement. I agree to post the enrolled property with the recommended signs and issue cards to all persons using the property and actively prosecute all property right violations.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Official use only:

PWP Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

LOI: \_\_\_\_\_

LOM: \_\_\_\_\_

Signs: \_\_\_\_\_

Cards: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

# Education Programs in South Carolina

## Conservation Education

The SCDNR plans and directs over 30 education programs for students, teachers and the general public. Several programs have received national and state awards and are designed to meet the needs of teachers in grades K-12, as well as boy scouts, girl scouts and other non-formal education groups. For information, write: SCDNR, Education Programs, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, or call: Conservation Education programs, 803-734-3885; Marine Resources education programs, 843-953-9300; Land Water Conservation Resources education programs, 803-734-9100.

## Boater Education

Boaters under age 16 are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before operating, without an individual 18 years or older, a personal watercraft (jet ski) or a boat powered by 15 h.p. motor or larger.

**South Carolina boaters can take a boating safety and education course four ways.**

**1. In a classroom** --Share the learning experience with other boaters and a qualified instructor. Contact DNR to locate the next classroom course in your area.

**2. On the internet** --The complete course, including the test, can be viewed or purchased online at [www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com) or through a link on the SCDNR home page, [www.dnr.state.sc.us](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us)

**3. By video** --You and your family can take a boater education course in the convenience of your home by purchasing a informative video and instruction manual. To order by phone call 1-800-460-9698.

**4. At local DMV offices** --Go by a participating Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office, pick up a book, study, return and take the test. The service is only offered to those individuals under 16 years of age and only at participating DMV offices.

For more information on all boating courses call SCDNR at 1-800-277-4301 or visit our web site: [www.dnr.state.sc.us](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us)

If you are less than age 21 and plan to go boating in another state, check that state's operator requirements. The SC Basic Boating Course is approved and recognized by all states requiring courses. The boater education certificate is not a boating license.

## Hunter Education

All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before a hunting license can be obtained. The hunter education certificate is not a hunting license.

The DNR encourages all hunters in South Carolina to be knowledgeable about their sport

and safety-conscious when in the field handling firearms. For this reason, the DNR offers a 10-hour Hunter Education Course which includes classroom instruction and hands-on experience in hunter safety and hunting techniques. In addition, students learn about hunting ethics, hunter/landowner relations, and basic conservation and wildlife management principles. The course is available to schools, clubs and the general public. A Home Study Course is available by calling 1-800-277-4301.

If you plan to hunt out of state, check with that state to find out if hunter education certification is required. The South Carolina hunter safety course is recognized by all states requiring certification.

## Trapper Education

The Trapper Education Course includes discussions on furbearer biology, history of the fur trade, wildlife management principles, fur harvest regulations and ethical conduct. This is not a "how to trap" course, but qualified instructors with the SC Trappers Association will discuss and demonstrate responsible trapping techniques.

For information contact the Furbearer Project at 803-734-3609.



## SC Reel Kids

This program sets goals designed to be fun, educational and active for kids and youth up to age 16. SC Reel Kids work toward goals such as catching their first fish, learning about fish, and improving fish habitats. For their efforts, rewards and certificates are awarded in recognition of meeting program goals, providing kids with the incentive to complete either the Junior Master Angler or Youth Master Angler program. Once youth accomplish the Youth Master Angler status, they will also receive their first annual SCDNR fishing license free after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. For more information, contact SCDNR at 803-737-8483.



## Take One Make One™

An outdoor education and mentoring program aimed at developing South Carolina's youth and young adults, 12 to 27 years of age, through conservation education and adult mentoring, into lifetime participants in conservation, hunting, angling and shooting sports activities. Students are required to complete the SC hunter education safety course and are mentored by an experienced adult for a minimum of one year. There are no registration costs. Presentations, brochures and applications are available by calling 803-734-3995.



## Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

The "BOW" program offers one- to three-day workshops that teach outdoor skills in a relaxed, non-intimidating atmosphere to women ages 18 years and older. More than 20 classes are offered, including: shotgun, rifle, firearms safety, deer, turkey, duck and small game hunting; freshwater, saltwater and fly fishing; birdwatching; canoeing; camping; backpacking; backyard habitat... and much more! For information on these workshops, hunts or other women's activities, contact SCDNR at 803-734-3885.

## National Hunting & Fishing Day

Once again, SCDNR and the S.C. Wildlife Federation have planned an event that will offer "hands-on" outdoor learning opportunities for every age group. Its focus will be to introduce newcomers to the hunting and fishing traditions, as well as rekindle interest by existing hunters and anglers. South Carolina's National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration is free of charge and open to the public on September 25, 2004 from 9:00-4:00 at SCDNR's Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery located at 1529 Fish Hatchery Road in West Columbia. For more information, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-4001.

## Hunter education classes (Pre-registration is Required to attend.)

Call the numbers listed for course times and to preregister. Classes may be cancelled for cause.

Date	County	Pre-register
Aug. 2/3	Lexington Both Nights	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 4	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 7	Conway	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 7	Aiken	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 7	Beaufort	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 7	Greenwood	1-800-868-5528 X8400
Aug. 7	Horry	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 7	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 9	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 11/12	Bamberg Both Nights	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 14	Cheraw	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 14	York	803-325-2882
Aug. 14	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 14	Charleston	1-800-277-4301 S
Aug. 14	Sumter	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 21	Darlington	843-661-8120
Aug. 21	Laurens	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 28	Edgefield	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 28	Charleston	843-764-7951
Aug. 28	Pickens	864-654-8266
Aug. 28	Marion	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 1/2	Lexington Both Nights	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 1/2	Abbeville Both Nights	864-654-8266
Sept. 4	Aiken	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 4	Darlington	843-661-8120
Sept. 11	Conway	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 11	York	803-325-2882
Sept. 11	Spartanburg	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 11	Pickens	864-868-7781
Sept. 18	Charleston	843-764-7951
Sept. 18	Laurens	1-800-868-5528 X8400
Sept. 18	Allendale	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 18	Beaufort	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 18	Kershaw	803-325-2882
Sept. 18	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 25	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 25	Sumter	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 2	Conway	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 2	Georgetown	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 2	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 5 & 6	Aiken	1-800-277-4301

Date	County	Pre-register
Oct. 9	Laurens	1-800-868-5528 X8400
Oct. 9	Darlington	843-661-8120
Oct. 9	Pickens	864-654-8266
Oct. 9	York	803-325-2882
Oct. 10	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 11/12	Barnwell	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 16	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 16	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 16	Horry	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 17	Greenville	864-683-1344
Oct. 23	Sumter	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 3 & 4	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 6	Conway	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 6	Darlington	843-661-8120
Nov. 6	Berkeley	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 6	Beaufort	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 13	Aiken	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 13	Greenwood	1-800-868-5528 X8400
Nov. 20	York	803-325-2882
Nov. 20	Bamberg	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 20	Pickens	864-654-8266
Nov. 20	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Nov. 21	Greenville	864-683-1344
Dec. 1 & 2	Aiken	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 4	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 4	York	803-325-2882
Dec. 4	Williamsburg	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 4	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 7/8	Allendale	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 11	Conway	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 11	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 11	Laurens	1-800-868-5528 X8400
Dec. 11	Georgetown	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 11	Pickens	864-654-8266
Dec. 11	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 11	Florence	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 18	Pickens	864-654-8266
Dec. 19	Greenville	864-683-1344

**Free Fishing Days**  
**June 11 & 12, 2005**  
**Take A Kid Fishing**

## Boater education classes

(Pre-registration is Required to attend.)

Call the numbers listed for course times and to preregister. Classes may be cancelled for cause.

Date	County	Pre-register
Aug. 3	Beaufort	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 5	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 14	Pickens	864-654-8266
Aug. 16/17	Aiken Both Nights	1-800-277-4301
Aug. 19	Laurens	1-800-868-5528 ex8400
Aug. 21	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Sept. 8/9	Lexington	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 8/9	Lexington Both Nights	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 11	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Oct. 23	Charleston	1-800-277-4301
Dec. 4	Pickens	864-654-8266

## Advice on Eating Fish Caught from SC Waters

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) believe that fish are a healthy, low-fat source of protein. To make sure that the fish you catch are safe to eat, DHEC tests fish from lakes, rivers and streams throughout South Carolina. Past sampling has shown that some fish from selected areas contain mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

To protect your health, DHEC issues fish consumption advisories in areas where contaminated fish have been found. These advisories provide information to help you decide which fish to keep and how much to eat. While DHEC has issued fish consumption advisories for several lakes and rivers in South Carolina, there are other fishing locations where there are no advisories. For more information on the advisories, call DHEC, toll free, at 1-888-849-7241 or go to DHEC's web page at [www.scdhec.net/eqc/admin/html/fishadv.html](http://www.scdhec.net/eqc/admin/html/fishadv.html)

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR SOUTH CAROLINA'S MARINE RESOURCES

Attention fishermen, boaters, conservationists and everyone who loves the water: The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is proud to announce the creation of a new Saltwater Conservation Vehicle License Plate. The "Gone Fishing" license plate features South Carolina's most popular saltwater gamefish, the red drum. Funds from the sale of the plate will help protect and enhance South Carolina's marine resources.



To purchase this one-of-a-kind license plate contact your local South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Division of Motor Vehicles or visit [www.scdmvmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvmvonline.com). The cost of the plate is \$75.00 in addition to the regular registration fee.

**Make a Difference, Order Your Saltwater Conservation Vehicle License Plate Today!**  
**South Carolina Department of Natural Resources**



# Hunting & Fishing License Fees

## General License Information

A **resident** is a person who has been a domiciled resident of South Carolina for 30 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a license. Proof of residency is required when purchasing a license. Such proof shall be either a valid state driver's license or other form of identification which would furnish reasonable proof of residency. **Nonresidents** or persons unable to prove residency must purchase nonresident licenses. **Full-time students and military personnel stationed in S.C.** are eligible for resident hunting/fishing licenses, permits and tags.

**Military personnel who are residents** of South Carolina stationed outside of the state, and home on leave, shall upon presentation of official furlough or leave papers, be allowed to fish or hunt without purchasing a fishing or hunting license or saltwater fishing license. A resident WMA permit, resident big game permit, migratory bird permit (HIP) and state and federal duck stamp must be purchased when applicable.

### Where to buy licenses and permits -

- 1,000 license sales agents statewide, (many local sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops, major retailers and DNR offices)
- Telephone 1-888-434-7472
- Internet [www.dnr.state.sc.us](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us)
- Special permits and tags are available through the Columbia office only. For more information call (803) 734-3833.

**Social Security Number** - The SCDNR is required to collect social security numbers from all persons obtaining a hunting, fishing or other recreational or commercial license under section 20-7-949 and 42 U.S. Code 666(a)(13). Your social security number will serve as your principle identification number to determine your eligibility for licenses. It will be provided to law enforcement agencies and the SC Child Support Enforcement of DSS Unit to establish, modify and enforce child support obligations.

**License in Possession** - All licenses, permits, tags and/or stamps must be in possession while engaging in activities for which documents were issued. Identification indicating name and address must also be in possession. Persons hunting on their own lands are also required to have all applicable licenses, permits or stamps in their possession.

Hunting is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue, or diligently search for game.

A fishing license is not required when fishing in a privately owned pond. A state fishing license is required when fishing in commercial pay ponds, unless the pond is permitted by DNR.

**Borrowing**, lending, exchanging, altering or purchasing by fraud DNR licenses, permits, stamps or tags is unlawful and suspends hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

**Duplicate Licenses** are available for \$3 at Columbia, Florence, Greenville, and Charleston DNR offices. Applications are available

## License Fees for South Carolina Residents

*Licenses are effective July 1 through June 30 of the following year unless otherwise specified.*

### Fishing & Hunting Combinations

Combination Hunting and Freshwater Fishing and Big Game License .....	\$25
Sportsman's License (Includes WMA, big game, hunting & freshwater fishing) .....	\$50
Junior Sportsman's License (For residents age 16-17, includes WMA, big game, hunting & freshwater fishing) .....	\$16

### Fishing

Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Required for all public fresh waters when using manufactured equipment and/or artificial bait. Also required on all SCDNR managed and WMA lakes and with all nongame fishing devices.) .....	\$10
14-Day Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Same privileges and requirements as the State Freshwater Fishing License. Valid for 14 consecutive days only.) .....	\$5
Lakes and Reservoirs Permit (valid when using cane pole and natural bait in the following areas only) Lakes Marion, Moultrie, Murray, Greenwood, Wylie, Fishing Creek, Wateree, Thurmond, Stevens Creek, Hartwell, Richard B. Russell, Jocassee, Keowee, Ashwood and Parr Reservoir, Monticello Reservoir and Monticello Sub-Impoundment. ....	\$3
Annual Resident Saltwater Fishing License (Required to harvest oysters or clams or to fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats). ....	\$10
14-Day Resident Saltwater Fishing License .....	\$5
Shrimp Baiting License (Required to take shrimp by cast net over bait during set season) .....	\$25

*Note: See page 20 for shad and herring licenses. See page 27 for shrimp baiting permit application.*

### Hunting

State Hunting License* (Small game only) .....	\$12
County Hunting License* (Good only in county of residence) .....	\$5
Big Game Permit** (Required for deer, turkey and bear) .....	\$6
Wildlife Management Area Permit** (Required to hunt on all WMA lands. Not required for fishing) .....	\$30.50
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags** (Valid for use on buck only hunts statewide). (Not required on either-sex days) (See page 47 for details) .....	\$5
Turkey Tags** (Required of all ages to hunt wild turkeys) .....	FREE
Migratory Bird Permit** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory birds) ..	FREE
State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory waterfowl. Must be signed across face of stamp) .....	\$5.50
Commercial Fur Harvest License** (Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Also required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.) .....	\$10

\* A Big Game Permit is required in addition to these licenses to hunt deer, bear and turkey.

\*\* A valid SC hunting license and other applicable licenses, permits, tags or stamps are required in addition to these items.

### Nongame Fishing (Freshwater Only)

Trap Tag .....	\$5 ea.
Trotline Tag .....	\$2.50 ea.
Eel Pot Tag .....	\$5 ea.
Gill Net Tag .....	\$5 ea.
Hoop Net Tag .....	\$10 ea.
Set Hook Permit (3-50 hooks, 1 per licensee) .....	\$5
Jug Permit (3-50 jugs, 1 per licensee) ..	\$5
Commercial Fishing License .....	\$50
Replacement Tag or Permit (An affidavit must be submitted listing lost or destroyed tag number.) .....	\$1 ea.

*See page 20-22 for a complete description of Nongame Devices and regulations. Shad and herring license information is on page 20.*

### Lifetime Licenses

Freshwater Fishing .....	\$300
Hunting (Small Game Only) .....	\$300
Combination (Under 2 yrs of age) ..	\$300
Combination (2 to 15 yrs. of age) ..	\$400
Combination (16 to 63 yrs. of age) ..	\$500
Combination (Age 64 or older) .....	\$9

*See Page 55 for privileges and application.*



from any license sales agents. Duplicates will not be issued for duck stamps.

**Suspended Licenses** - Persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply, hold, or use DNR license, permits, stamps or tags.

**Lifetime Licenses** are available to South Carolina residents only. A person must be a domiciled resident of South Carolina for a period of 180 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of his application for licenses. A copy of a South Carolina driver's license or reasonable proof of residency must accompany application (See page 55 for an application). Non-resident lifetime licenses are not available. All lifetime licenses remain valid if the holder moves out of state.

**Gratis Over 65 License of SC** - Any person who has been a domiciled resident for at least six months and is age 65 or older may obtain a free license valid for hunting, fishing, big game, wildlife management areas, state duck stamp and saltwater fishing. (See page 55 for application.) A Federal Duck Stamp is required for waterfowl hunting and can be purchased at a U.S. Post Office or from the DNR office in Columbia. A free migratory bird (HIP) permit is required for hunting migratory birds (doves, duck, geese).

**Disability License** - Any person who has been a domiciled resident of SC for at least one year and who is certified to be totally disabled by Social Security Administration, SC State Retirement System, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Federal Civil Service, Railroad Retirement Board or Medicaid Assistance, may obtain a license valid for hunting, fishing, big game, wildlife management areas, state duck stamp and saltwater fishing. The license is valid for three (3) years and disability recertification is required for renewal. (See page 55 for application.) A HIP permit is required for hunting migratory birds.

**Shrimp Baiting Licenses, Turkey Tags, Non-game Fishing Permit and Tags** are required for all age groups participating in these activities.

A **Commercial Fur Harvest License** and a State Hunting License is required, regardless of age, to trap or to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.

**Youth Requirements** - No child under 16 years of age is required to procure a hunting or fishing license unless that child engages in the taking of game or fish for commercial purposes or possesses any nongame fish devices. Permits or tags are required, however, for shrimp baiting, turkey hunting, antlerless deer and nongame fishing devices for all age groups participating in these activities.

**Hunter Education Requirements** - All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979 must successfully complete a SCDNR approved hunter education course before a hunting license can be obtained.

A hunter education card alone is not a valid hunting license. For more information on hunter education, call (803) 734-3995 or 1-800-277-4301.

**Bird Dog Training License** - Persons in the business of training bird dogs in return for money, goods, or services may obtain a Bird Dog Trainer's License entitling them to certain privileges. The license costs \$50 and is renewable

## License Fees for Nonresidents Hunting

Annual Hunting License* (Small game only) . . . . .	\$125
10-Day Hunting License* (Valid for 10 consecutive days only.) (Small game only) . . . .	\$75
3-Day Hunting License* (Valid for 3 consecutive days only.) (Small game only) . . . . .	\$40
Big Game Permit** (Required for deer, turkey and bear) . . . . .	\$100
Wildlife Management Area Permit** (Required to hunt on all WMA lands.) . . . . .	\$76
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags** (Valid for use on buck only hunts statewide.)	

(Not required on either-sex days) (See page 29 for details.) . . . . .	\$5
Turkey Tags** (Required of all ages to hunt wild turkeys.) . . . . .	FREE
Migratory Bird Permit** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory birds) . .	FREE
State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt all migratory waterfowl. Must be signed across face of stamp.) . . . . .	\$5.50
Shooting Preserve Permit . . . . .	\$8.50
Commercial Fur Harvest License** (Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Also required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.) . . . . .	\$100

\* A Big Game Permit is required in addition to a hunting license to hunt deer, bear and turkey.

\*\* A valid SC hunting license and other applicable licenses, permits, tags or stamps are required in addition to these items.

## Fishing

Annual Non-Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Required for all public fresh waters. Also required on all SCDNR managed lakes and with all nongame fishing devices.) . .	\$35
7-Day Non-Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Same privileges and requirements as the Annual Freshwater Fishing License. Valid for 7 consecutive days only.) . . . . .	\$11
Annual Non-Resident Saltwater Fishing License (Required to harvest oysters or clams or to fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats.) . . . . .	\$35
14-day Non-Resident Saltwater Fishing License . . . . .	\$11
Shrimp Baiting License (Required to take shrimp by cast net over bait.) . . . . .	\$500

## Nongame Fishing (Freshwater Only)

Trap Tag . . . . .	\$50 ea.	Jug Permit (3-50 jugs, 1 per licensee) . .	\$50
Trotline Tag . . . . .	\$50 ea.	Commercial Fishing License . . . . .	\$1,000
Eel Pot Tag . . . . .	\$50 ea.	Replacement Tag or Permit (An affidavit must be submitted listing lost or destroyed tag number.) . . . . .	\$1 ea.
Gill Net Tag . . . . .	\$50 ea.	See pages 20-22 for a complete description of Nongame Devices, Areas and Limits.	
Hoop Net Tag . . . . .	\$50 ea.		
Set Hook Permit (3-50 hooks, 1 per licensee) . . . . .	\$50		

annually. For information contact DNR Small Game Project, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, 803-734-3609.

**Commercial Quail Breeder's License** - This license is required for anyone engaging in the propagation of pen-raised quail for commercial purposes. The license fee is \$5 annually and licenses are valid from July 1 through June 30. For information contact License Division, PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211, 803-734-3833.

**Georgia & South Carolina Reciprocal License Agreement** - All channels of the Savannah River, from its mouth to the confluence of the Tugaloo and the Seneca rivers; and the Chattooga River to the boundary line between Georgia and North Carolina are included in an agreement between Georgia and South Carolina to use valid freshwater sportfishing licenses and permits that have been issued by either state.

This agreement also applies to the following impoundments: Thurmond, Russell, Hartwell, Yonah, Tugaloo, Stevens Creek, and the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, but not to any tributary streams to those impoundments nor

tributary streams to the Savannah, Tugaloo and Chattooga rivers.

All persons holding a valid license from Georgia or South Carolina will be allowed to fish on the banks and in the waters covered by this agreement.

**NOTE:** A 12-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass applies in Georgia waters of the Savannah River and associated reservoirs. It is unlawful to harvest striped bass and striped bass hybrids in the Savannah River from the Augusta Diversion Dam downstream to Fields Cut and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. This harvest restriction is in effect until June 30, 2006. Savannah River downstream of New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam is closed to striped bass harvesting in Georgia waters.

**B-SAF**  
BOATING SAFETY ACTION FORCE



# Point & Suspension System For Natural Resource Violations

South Carolina law has established suspension systems based upon the accumulation of points assessed upon convictions of natural resource laws. The Game and Fish Point System addresses violations inland of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line and if suspended under this system, a person cannot hunt, fish, gather, trap, land, or pursue game, fish, crustaceans, or shellfish in the State (including coastal waters out to the three mile limit). The Coastal Fisheries Point System addresses violations within the coastal waters of the State. The point categories for assessments are recreational and commercial. Points are assessed according to the appropriate category. Upon accumulation of 18 or more points in the recreational or commercial categories, a persons privileges to fish, gather, land, attempt to take, or possess fish, shellfish, or crustaceans within the coastal waters for the purposes of the affected category, either recreational or commercial will be suspended. Suspensions under the Coastal Fisheries Point System do not affect inland freshwater fishing privileges except for shad, herring, and sturgeon which are regulated by coastal laws inland of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line.

Each time a person is convicted of a violation listed in the point systems, the Department shall assess the points against the person's record. Half of the points on record are reduced for each full year in which the person receives no points. The Department of Natural Resources shall suspend the privileges of any person who has accumulated eighteen (18) or more points.

In addition to these point suspensions, South Carolina law also mandates many suspensions for specific violations of law. These suspensions are called "statutory suspensions" and are mandatory if convicted of such a violation. See Table C for some specific examples of statutory suspensions.

## Note:

- *A violation of natural resources law while under suspension may result in additional suspensions of one year to five years.*
- *The purchase or procurement of a license, permit, stamp, or tag allowing suspended privileges while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension of hunting and fishing privileges.*
- *Failure to pay fines or restitutions may result in suspension of privileges.*

## Table A: Game & Fish

1. Resisting arrest by force, violence, or weapons against the person of any law enforcement officer enforcing natural resource laws	18
2. Attempting escape after arrest	14
3. Hunting or fishing in a state sanctuary	14
4. Hunting, fishing, or trapping out of season	10
5. Selling game or game fish	14
6. Using a borrowed or altered hunting or fishing license, permit, stamp, or tag	10
7. Taking more than the legal limit of game or fish	8
8. Hunting or fishing without a proper license, permit, stamp, or tag	6
9. Trespassing to hunt, fish, or trap	10
10. Violation of WMA regulations (including private land deer regulations in game zones 1,2, and 4)	8
11. Unlawful hunting, taking, possessing, or selling alligators	14
12. Killing or attempting to kill or molest deer from a motorboat	14
13. Night hunting deer or bear	18
14. Unlawful transportation of furs or hides and possession of untagged hides	10
15. Trapping quail or turkeys	10
16. Unlawful hunting over bait	8
17. Unlawful killing or possession of antlerless deer	14
18. Unlawful night hunting other game, except deer or bear, or hunting during prohibited or after hours	8
19. Unlawful possession of buckshot	5
20. Hunting migratory birds with an unplugged gun	4
21. Killing or possession of wild turkey during the closed season	18
22. Killing or possession of a hen turkey during the spring gobbler season	14
23. Roost shooting turkey between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise	18
24. Shooting (taking or killing) turkey over bait	18
25. Hunting turkey over bait (no game taken)	10
26. Trespassing to hunt waterfowl	18
27. Hunting waterfowl over bait	10
28. Shooting (taking or killing) waterfowl over bait	10
29. Hunting waterfowl out of season	15
30. Taking or possession of more than one waterfowl over the legal limit	15

31. Unlawful possession, taking, or attempting to take raccoons during the season for hunting without firearms . . . . . 14
32. Trapping, netting, or seining game fish unlawfully . . . . . 10
33. Taking game or fish in any illegal manner not specifically mentioned elsewhere in the point systems . . . . . 8

**NOTE:** Some examples of Item 33 are;

- a. Taking game while in possession of lead shot while hunting for waterfowl;
- b. Possession of undersize freshwater fish;
- c. Taking fish with too many devices;
- d. Taking game while unlawfully hunting deer/waterfowl within 300 yards of a residence;
- e. Killing birds of prey (Hawks, Kites, Vultures, Kestrels, Owls, or Falcons);
- f. Killing/possession of nongame birds;
- g. Taking fish while violating specific freshwater nongame fishing laws such as illegal bait on trotlines or set hooks, unmarked devices, or unlawful areas;
- h. Taking game while jump shooting waterfowl or rails;
- i. Taking game while violating specific trapping laws such as unmarked or unlawful traps, checking traps at night, failure to check traps, or failure to report as required.

Other less common examples are, but are not limited to, transport/possession of deer with detached head, unlawful transfer of untagged migratory birds, taking fish in closed areas (examples are closed waters around dams which are posted as safety precautions), taking fish on DNR lakes on closed days, taking game while unlawfully hunting with an electronic call, killing a turkey with a rifle, and shooting game within 300 yards of a poultry house. The application of item 33 is very broad and examples are given for clarification.

Item 33 applies to unlawfully taking game or fish in a way that is not specifically addressed by the Game and Fish Point System.

**Reinstatement Fees:** After serving a statutory, point system, bench warrant, or court ordered suspension, a person must pay a \$100 reinstatement fee to the Department of Natural Resources. After the mandatory suspension period, and receipt of the reinstatement fee, the department shall reinstate the privilege or license, permit, stamp, tag, or registration.

A person remains under suspension until the reinstatement fee is received by the SCDNR.

## Table B: Coastal Fisheries

Saltwater points are assessed in two categories, recreational and commercial. Upon the accumulation of eighteen (18) or more points in a category, the privileges of that category will be suspended for one year. While under suspension for recreational activities, a person found guilty of a commercial violation of this chapter shall have all saltwater privileges suspended for one year. While under suspension for commercial activities, a person found guilty of a recreational violation shall have all saltwater privileges suspended for one year.

\*\*\*It is unlawful for a person whose commercial privileges are suspended under this chapter to be on board any vessel while the vessel is being utilized to take or attempt to take saltwater fish for commercial purposes\*\*\*

1. Failing to keep records or make reports as required by law, permit or regulation ..... 4
2. Violations of law pertaining to crab size limit or sponge crabs ..... 4
3. Violations of a section of Title 50 pertaining to saltwater fisheries not mentioned specifically in this section .6  
(NOTE: This point assessment applies to all other convictions that *are not contained within* the point assessments herein, and any conviction of a violation of a coastal fisheries law will be assessed a minimum of 6 points)
4. Taking, attempting to take, or possessing fish, shellfish or crustaceans in an unlawful manner, in unlawful or closed areas, during unlawful hours, or during the closed season except trawling violations ..... 8
5. Selling or offering for sale fish, shellfish, crustaceans, or other seafood or marine products without a proper license, permit, stamp, or tag ..... 8
6. Unlawfully buying fish, shellfish, crustaceans or other seafood or marine products without a proper license, permit, stamp or tag ..... 8
7. Trawling inside the General Trawling Zone other than in restricted areas:  
(a) more than one quarter nautical mile during the closed season ..... 10  
(b) more than one quarter nautical mile at a time more than ten minutes before daily opening or ten minutes after daily closing times during the open season ..... 10
8. Trawling in a restricted area during the closed season ..... 10
9. Trawling outside the General Trawling Zone:  
(a) one hundred yards or less distance from the nearest point of the General Trawling Zone during the open season ..... 10

- (b) more than one hundred yards distance from the nearest point of the General Trawling Zone during the open season ..... 18
- (c) during the closed season ..... 18
10. Taking or attempting to take, fish, shellfish or crustaceans for a commercial purpose without a proper license, permit, or stamp or tag ..... 10
11. Captain or crew of a boat failing to cooperate with an enforcement officer ..... 18
12. Channel netting in an area closed to channel netting or during closed season for channel netting ..... 18
13. Applying for or obtaining any resident license as provided in this chapter using a falsified application or supporting documentation, or simultaneously possessing any current, valid South Carolina resident license as provided in this chapter while possessing any resident license from another state .. 18

## Point System Suspensions and Appeals

Point system suspensions begin eleven (11) days after notice to the violator. A person who has been notified of a suspension may appeal the suspension to the Administrative Law Division. The request for appeals must be in writing and postmarked within ten (10) days of notification of the suspension. The appeal is limited to the validity of the points assessed and the identity of the violator. The Administrative Law Division cannot override a conviction and cannot allow a reduction of points unless the points are in error. To appeal a point suspension, write the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Records and Intelligence Section, Law Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C., 29202 or call (803) 734-4002. There are no appeals for statutory suspensions.

## Table C: Statutory Suspensions

Many laws pertaining to natural resources and boating have mandatory suspensions based upon convictions. These suspensions start upon conviction and run for specified times according to law. These suspensions will affect privileges and may affect licenses, permits, stamps, tags or

registrations. Examples of violations for which suspensions are mandated include, but are not limited to:

- A. Impeding the right to hunt, fish, or trap ..... 1 year;
- B. Conspiracy to violate natural resource laws ..... 1 year;
- C. Obtaining a license, permit, stamp, or tag by fraud ..... 1 year;
- D. Altering, post dating, borrowing, or lending a license, permit, stamp, or tag ..... 1 year;
- E. Criminal negligent use of a firearm ..... 1 to 5 years;
- F. Boating under the influence ..... 1 to 5 years;
- G. Trawling violations ..... 1 year;
- H. Reckless operation of a watercraft ..... 6 months;
- I. Killing a Bald Eagle ..... 5 years;
- J. Failure to pay fines or restitution suspended until payment is received
- K. Third (3) offense negligent operation of a watercraft ... 6 months;
- L. Unlawful road hunting ..... 1 year;
- M. Bear violations ..... 3 years;
- N. Unlawfully taking/possessing a wild turkey ..... 1 year.

The above listed violations are examples of statutory suspensions. Many more statutory suspensions exist with time periods ranging from 10 days to ten years of suspensions for certain violations and certain privileges.

## Suspension Violations

Violation of suspension can add an additional three (3) to five (5) years to the original suspension date. In addition, some suspension violations require mandatory jail terms and may affect the right to own or be in possession of a firearm. Persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to hold license, permits, stamps, or tags. Purchase or procurement of licenses, permits, stamps, or tags while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is punishable by a fine up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension. To find out more information on a statutory suspension, contact the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Records and Intelligence Section, Law Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or call (803) 734-0893.

## Property Watch PROGRAM

To apply for the Property Watch Program, use the application on page 7 and send it to the address below. For more information, you can call the Law Enforcement Division at (803) 734-4002, visit the DNR web site at [www.dnr.state.sc.us](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us) or write: SCDNR Law Enforcement, Property Watch Program, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources "Property Watch Program" is intended to provide assistance to landowners and lessees with property protection and to deter property right violations such as trespassing to hunt or fish.

# Boating

## All Boats

In South Carolina, vessels may not be operated in excess of idle speed within 50 feet of an anchored vessel, wharf, pier, dock, or a person in the water. Vessels may not operate in excess of idle speed within 100 yards of the Atlantic coastline. 50-21-870

## Equipment

**Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)** - All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable type PFD for each person on board or being towed. Each PFD must be in good condition, readily available and the proper size for the intended wearer. In addition, boats 16 feet in length or longer must carry a Type IV throwable device. In South Carolina, any person under twelve years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD when on board a class "A" (less than 16 ft. long) boat.

**Fire Extinguisher** - One Coast Guard approved hand-held portable fire extinguisher must be aboard each boat less than 26 ft. if the boat is carrying passengers for hire or if the construction permits the entrapment of flammable vapors or if it has a permanently installed gas tank, including gas tanks that use any type of fastener that would hamper the immediate removal of the tank from the boat. Additional extinguishers are required in boats larger than 26ft. Contact SCDNR for complete regulations.

**Navigation Lights** must be on at official sunset to sunrise.

**Flares** are required for vessels in coastal waters.

**Bells, Whistle** - All boats less than 39.4 feet must carry an efficient sound producing device. Every vessel from 39.4 to 65.6 feet must carry a whistle and a bell.

## Personal Watercraft

In South Carolina, each person on a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, III or V PFD.

A personal watercraft may not be operated between sunset and sunrise and must be equipped with a self-circling or lanyard-type engine cutoff switch.

When operating a personal watercraft, one may not operate in a manner so as to leave the water completely while crossing (jumping) the wake of another vessel within 200 feet of the vessel creating the wake.

## Marine Events

A permit is required for any boat race or tournament. For permits or information on these and other marine events, contact: Marine Law Enforcement, PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9302.

## Minimum Age of Operators

In South Carolina, boat operators under age 16 must complete a boating course approved by the SCDNR to operate a boat or personal watercraft with a 15 h.p. motor or greater, unless accompanied by an adult age eighteen years or older.

## Reporting Boating Accidents

The operator of every vessel involved in a boating accident shall report to the DNR whenever the accident results in loss of life, loss of consciousness, medical treatment or disability in excess of 24 hours, or property damage in excess of \$500. For more information, call 843-953-9302.

## Restrictions

**Airboats** are prohibited on public waters of this state from the freshwater-saltwater dividing line seaward and on that portion of Lake Marion and Santee Swamp west of the I-95 bridge upstream to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers during the season for hunting waterfowl.

## Boating Education and Information

For boating class schedules or additional information on subjects covered in this section see page 10 or contact: SCDNR, Boating Safety & Education, PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9302, in Columbia call 803-734-3995 or statewide 800-277-4301.

## Titling and Registration Fees

New Registration & Title	.....\$40
Boat or Motor Title	.....\$10
Registration Renewal	.....\$30
Transfer of Registration & Title	....\$16
Duplicate Boat or Motor Title	...\$5 ea.
Duplicate Boat or Motor Decal	...\$1 ea.
Title Search	.....\$10 per record
Late Fee (Thirty-First (31)	

Day and Thereafter) .....\$15

All watercraft and/or motors **MUST** be registered or titled within thirty days of purchase.

For more information or forms contact: Boat Titling & Registration, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, (803) 734-3857

**Titling** - All watercraft are required to be titled except documented vessels, windsurfers and those propelled by human power with oars, paddles or similar devices. All sailboats **MUST** be titled. All outboard motors 5 horsepower and greater must be titled. A title is valid until the watercraft or outboard motor is sold, traded or exchanged. If a used watercraft or outboard motor in South Carolina is purchased, the seller must produce title in his/her name at the time of sale.

**Registration** - All watercraft propelled by any mechanized power must be registered in the owner's name. Watercraft registration is valid for 3 years after date of issue. Registration card must be on board while boat is in operation.

**Change of Address** - SCDNR Boat Titling & Registration **MUST** be notified in writing within 15 days if owner's address changes. Description of the boat or outboard motor (including registration number, title number, hull identification, etc.) must be included.

**Change of Ownership** - SCDNR Boat Titling & Registration **MUST** be notified in writing within 15 days of the date of sale of boat or outboard motor. Seller must provide a description of the boat or motor sold, name and address of buyer and date of sale.

**Reporting Stolen Watercraft and Outboard Motors** - The owner of a watercraft or outboard motor which has been stolen should contact Boat Titling and Registration at 734-3858 immediately. An OB Motor/Vessel Theft Report will be mailed to the owner. Upon receipt of the completed report the boat/ motor will be put on record as stolen. If the watercraft or outboard motor is later recovered, please notify the Department in writing.

**Property Taxes** - The bill of sale or title to any watercraft or an outboard motor shall require certification that property taxes have been paid by the titled owner as of the date of sale.

## Boating Safety Tips

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- Check the weather.
- Let someone know where you are going.
- Gather all lifesaving devices. Make sure they are in good serviceable condition and are the correct size for all passengers (especially children).
- Check the fuel and the battery charge.
- Make sure lights are in good working condition on the boat and trailer.
- Make sure fire extinguisher is readily accessible and in good serviceable condition.
- Put the plug in.
- Connect trailer safety chains to tow vehicle.
- Carry a cell phone if possible.



### ON THE WATER:

- Know the aids to navigation and buoy system in your areas.
- Don't operate the boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- When operating sailboats be aware of overhead powerlines and wires.
- If someone falls overboard, throw something that will float (PFD, raft, cooler).
- All boats approaching from the right have the right of way.
- Always anchor from the bow of the boat and pull the anchor before leaving.
- If boat capsizes, stay with the boat.
- If caught in a storm, head into the wind, put on PFDs and keep passengers low in the boat.
- Cold water boaters such as duck hunters, fishermen, sailors beware! Cold water kills.
- Call Operation Game Thief (1-800-922-5431) to report boating, fishing or hunting violations.



# Freshwater Fishing

## Regulations

### Methods and Devices

- Game fish may be caught with only hook and line, fly rod, casting rod, pole and line or hand line. Not more than 2 of these devices may be used by any fisherman at the same time, except when fishing in a boat. An unlimited number of lawful fishing devices may be used if every occupant of the boat (who would normally be required to have a fishing license) possesses a valid fishing license.

- Bows and arrows for taking nongame fish only and cast nets for catching nongame bait fish may be in possession while fishing for game fish. Possession of cast nets is prohibited in Game Zone 1 except on Lake Keowee, Hartwell and Twelve Mile Creek.

- Game fish may be used as bait to catch fish but must be included in daily bag limit.

**Seasons** - No closed freshwater game fish season except in the following areas:

- It is unlawful to harvest striped bass or hybrids in Savannah River from the Augusta Diversion Dam downstream to Fields Cut and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway until June 30, 2006.

- All watercraft and fishing are prohibited Nov. 1 through Feb. 28 on Cantey Bay, Black Bottom and Savannah Branch in Lake Marion in order to better protect waterfowl populations during the migratory waterfowl season.

- Portions of Howard, Corbin and Devil's Fork Creeks in Oconee County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1--Mar. 30, and a portion of Thompson River in Oconee County is closed to fishing from Nov. 1--Mar. 30. Closed sections will be marked with signs.

- Hatchery WMA on Lake Moultrie is closed to fishing each Sat. morning and all day the last Sat. of the waterfowl season.

### Selling and Importing

- No freshwater game fish may be sold in this state except: 1) DNR permitted aquaculturist. 2) DNR wholesale aquaculture license. 3) DNR aquaculture game fish retail license. 4) Private pond owner selling less than \$2,500 in product annually.

- It is illegal to possess, import or sell any fish species that is not native to SC waters without a SCDNR permit.

- Sterile grass carp must be sold, purchased or possessed by SCDNR permitted vendors only.

#### Prohibited Practices

- Game or nongame fish may not be attracted or taken by explosives, electrical devices, poison or similar means.

## Game Fish

- A total of 40 game fish may be kept in any one day. This total shall not exceed more than the limits or exceptions listed below.

- Special limits and regulations apply to DNR managed lakes. See chart on page 18.

- Check with State Parks, City Reservoirs or County Parks for special limits and regulations that apply to those areas.

### Black bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Redeye & Spotted)

**Limit:** 10 fish combined total per day, except Slade's Lake, total of not more than 2 Largemouth bass per day and not more than 15 fish combined total per day. It is illegal to harvest largemouth bass in Lake Wallace, Marlboro County.

**Size:** 12-inch minimum for largemouth bass on Slade's Lake, Lakes Wylie, Marion, Moultrie, and the Georgia waters of the Savannah River and all its reservoirs.

### Striped bass and/or hybrids

**Limit:** 10 fish per day (See exceptions.)

**Size limit & exceptions:** 5 fish per day and 21-inch minimum size limit in the following areas: (S.C. Code 50-13-220 & 50-13-236)

- 1) Broad River from the lock and dam of the Columbia Canal to its confluence with lower Saluda River;

- 2) Saluda River from Lake Greenwood Dam to Lake Murray;

- 3) Lake Murray;

- 4) Lower Saluda river from the Lake Murray Dam to its confluence with Broad River;

- 5) Wateree River from the Lake Wateree Dam to its confluence with Congaree River;

- 6) Congaree River from the confluence of Broad and Lower Saluda rivers to its confluence with Wateree River;

- 7) Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, and the Diversion Canal;

- 8) the Tailrace Canal from Pinopolis Dam to Cooper River;

- 9) the east and west branches of Cooper River downstream to the US Highway 17 bridge;

- 10) Wando River;

- 11) the Rediversion Canal;

- 12) Santee River from the lake Marion Dam downstream to the Intracoastal Waterway.

- 13) No striped bass or striped bass hybrids may be harvested on Savannah River downstream from the Augusta Diversion Dam to Fields cut.

#### Creel limit exceptions:

- Lakes Marion, Moultrie, Murray and Congaree River from Gervais Street Bridge seaward, during July and Aug., two of the five striped bass creel limit may be less than 21 inches.

### Cold water trout

**Limit:** 10 fish per day, 10 in possession. (See exceptions.)

#### Creel limit exceptions:

- Saluda River - not more than five trout may be taken in any one day from that portion of the lower Saluda River between the Lake Murray Dam and the confluence of the Broad River.

- Chattooga River (SC Hwy 28 upstream to Reid Creek), and Cheohee Creek (SC Forestry Commission property) - 0 trout per day, 0 in possession (catch and release only) from Nov. 1 through May 14.

- Chattooga River (except SC Hwy 28 upstream to Reid Creek), Lakes Tugaloo, Yonah and Hartwell, Lake Hartwell Tailwater and Lake Russell - 8 trout per day, 8 in possession.

- Whitewater River in Oconee County, Eastatoe River (Heritage Preserve lands) in Pickens County, Middle Saluda River (lower foot bridge at Jones Gap Park upstream to Hwy 276), and Matthews Creek (upstream of Caesar's Head State Park) in Greenville County - 7 trout per day, 7 in possession.

- Middle Saluda River (Hugh Smith Road upstream to lower foot bridge at Jones Gap Park) - 0 trout per day, 0 in possession (catch and release year round).

- Lake Jocassee - 5 trout per day, 5 in possession.

**Size limit & exceptions:** No size limit, except Lake Jocassee, 15-inch minimum.

#### Bait/tackle restrictions:

- Artificial lures and bait can be used when fishing for trout. (See exceptions.)

#### Bait/tackle exceptions:

- Matthews Creek (from lower boundary of Caesar's Head State Park) and Middle Saluda River (Jones Gap Park lower foot bridge to Hwy 276) in Greenville County, Eastatoe River (Heritage Preserve lands) in Pickens County and Whitewater River in Oconee County - Artificial lures only.

- Lake Jocassee - It is unlawful to fish with corn, cheese, fish eggs or imitations of them as bait on Lake Jocassee.

- Chattooga River from SC 28 upstream to Reid (Big) Creek and Cheohee Creek within the property boundary of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted) between Nov. 1 and May 14 only artificial lures with single hook may be used.

- Middle Saluda River (Hugh Smith Rd. to the lower foot bridge at Jones Gap State Park), artificial lures with single hook (no treble hooks).

#### Seasons:

- Cold water trout can be fished for year-round. (See exceptions.)

#### Season exceptions:

- Howard Creek (from Corbin Creek upstream to Limberpole Creek), Corbin Creek (from Howard Creek upstream to SC 130), and Devils Fork Creek in Oconee County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1 through Mar. 30.

- Chattooga River from SC 28 upstream to Reid (Big) Creek and Cheohee Creek within the property boundary of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted). All coldwater trout caught between Nov. 1 and May 14 must be released and cannot be harvested.

- Middle Saluda River (catch and release area) open for fishing only on Mon., Wed., and Sat.

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during daylight hours with a special daily permit obtained on-site.

- Cheohee Creek (Forestry Center lands) open to fishing only on Mon., Wed., and Sat. from November 1 through May 14 and June 15 through June 22 of each year during daylight hours.

**Crappie, bream (including bluegill, flier, redbreast, war-mouth, pumpkinseed and redear, longear and spotted sunfish), white bass, chain pickerel or jackfish, redbfin pike, yellow perch, white perch, walleye and sauger**

**Limit:** 30 fish per day. (See exceptions.)

**Creel limit exceptions:**

- Walleye and sauger - 8 fish per day on Lake Tugaloo, Yonah, Hartwell, Russell, Thurmond and the Chattooga River.

## Freshwater/Saltwater Dividing Line

The dividing line between saltwater and freshwater on the rivers listed is defined in this section, and all waters of the rivers and their tributaries, streams, and estuaries lying seaward of the dividing lines are considered saltwaters, and all waters lying landward or upstream from all dividing lines are considered freshwaters for purposes of licensing and regulating commercial and recreational fishing. Except as otherwise provided below, the saltwater/freshwater dividing line is U.S. Hwy. 17:

- 1) On Savannah River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed located approximately one and three-fourths miles upstream from the U.S. Hwy. 17A bridge.
- 2) Wright River is salt water for its entire length.
- 3) On Ashepoo River the dividing line is the old Seaboard Railroad track bed.
- 4) On New River the dividing line is at Cook's Landing.
- 5) Wallace River, Rantowles Creek, Long Branch Creek, and Shem Creek are saltwater for their entire lengths.
- 6) On Edisto River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed near Matthews Canal Cut.
- 7) On Ashley River the dividing line is the confluence of Popper Dam Creek directly across from Magnolia Gardens.
- 8) On Cooper River the dividing line is the seaward shoreline of Old Back River at the confluence of Old Back River downstream from Bushy Park Reservoir.
- 9) Wando River is saltwater for its entire length.
- 10) On the Intracoastal Waterway in Horry County the dividing line is the bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway at the intersection of S.C. Hwy. 9 and U.S. Hwy. 17.

## SCDNR Managed State Lakes

Lake*	County	Acres	Open Days	Boat/Motor	Creel/Size Limits <i>Catfish</i>	Creel/Size Limits <i>Bass</i>	Creel/Size Limits <i>Bream</i>	Minnows Allowed	Boat Ramp	Fishing Pier	Handicap Access
Ashwood	Lee	75	All Days	7.5 H.P.	3	3	20	Yes	X	X	X
Edgar Brown	Barnwell	100	All Days	10 HP (Gas) North of Hospital Rd eastward. Any size south of Rd.	3	3 (16" minimum)	20	Yes	X	X	X
Cherokee	Cherokee	50	All Days	Electric Only	3	5	25	No	X	X	X
Dargans Pond	Darlington	50	W & Sat. (Apr. 1-Sept. 30)	Electric Only	3	3 (16" minimum) (2 bass may be under the size limit)	20	No	X	X	X
John D. Long	Union	80	All Days	Electric Only	3	3	20	No	X	X	X
Edwin Johnson	Spartanburg	40	All Days	Electric Only	3	3 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Jonesville	Union	35	M,W,Sat.	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No	X	X	X
Lancaster Resv.	Lancaster	62	Thur & Sat	Electric Only	3	2 (16" minimum)	20	no	TBA	N/A	N/A
Mountain Lake 1	Chester	42	Tue, Thur, Sat., Sun	Electric Only	3	1 (16" minimum)	10 larger than 5". No limit on fish under 5", but state limits apply.	No	X	X	X
Mountain Lake 2	Chester	10	Tue, Thur, Sat., Sun	Electric Only	3	1 (16" minimum)	10 larger than 5". No limit on fish under 5", but state limits apply.	No		X	X
Oak Grove	Greenville	18	W & Sat.	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No			
Oliphant	Chester	40	M,W,Sat	Electric Only	3	3 (14" minimum)	20	No	X	X	X
Star Fort Pond	Greenwood	27	W,Fri,Sat. Apr. 1 --Nov. 1	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No		X	X
Thicketty	Cherokee	100	All Days	6 HP (Gas)	No Limit	10	25	Yes	X		
Paul Wallace	Marlboro	280	All Days	10 HP (Gas)	3	0 (No harvesting)	20	No	X	X	X
George Warren	Hampton	400	All Days	10 HP (Gas)	3	3	20	Yes	X	X	X
Webb Center**	Hampton	7&10	All Days***	Electric Only	No Limit	10	30	Yes			
Sunrise	Lancaster	25	M,W,Sat	Electric Only	3	2 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Draper WMA***	York	1,2 & 5	Wed-Mon.	No	3	3 (14" minimum)	15	No			

\* The days each impoundment is open can change. Contact your nearest SCDNR office to determine the open days of an individual lake.

\*\* Webb Center Lakes are closed on deer hunting days.

\*\*\* Combined daily creel limits from all ponds.

# Nongame Freshwater Fishing

## General Information

Nongame fishing permits and tags may be purchased from SCDNR only. Application may be obtained at [www.scdnr.state.sc.us](http://www.scdnr.state.sc.us) or by calling 803-734-3833.

Nongame fishing permits and tags are required, in addition to a valid South Carolina state fishing license (also applies to youth under 16), to use the following devices for recreational purposes: up to 3 trotlines with not more than 150 hooks, 3 to 50 set hooks, 3 to 50 jugs, up to 2 traps, 1 hoop net, 1 gill net no more than 200 yards in length or 5 gill nets, none of which exceed 30 yards in length, 1 skimbrow net, 1 seine, 1 minnow seine, or up to 2 eel pots.

This requirement applies to all freshwaters of the state inland of the saltwater-freshwater dividing lines, except privately-owned ponds.

Nongame fishing devices are not allowed in certain waters. The maximum number of devices allowed per area are shown in the Areas & Limits Section on page 22.

A tag must be attached to the device for which it was issued, and each permit and tag identification receipt must be in the licensee's possession while engaging in the activity.

Game fish must be immediately released if caught by net or trap or any other device used for catching nongame fish.

## Commercial Fishing

A commercial freshwater fishing license must be in possession to take catfish by any method from public waters and sell or offer for sale such catfish, and/or fish with the following nongame fishing devices: 2 or more gill nets (or 5 gill nets not more than 30 ft. in length), 2 or more hoop nets, 3 or more traps, trotlines with a combined total of 151 hooks or more, or 3 or more eel pots.

All persons involved in commercial catfish fishing must have a commercial freshwater fishing license if they participate in any way in the actual fishing operation. This includes, but is not limited to, operating a boat, baiting hooks, removing fish from lines, traps or nets.

To qualify for a resident commercial freshwater fishing license, one must have been a resident of this state for the past 12 consecutive months and furnish proof to the SCDNR.

## Shad/Herring

Shad/Herring taken from the freshwaters of the state are regulated by saltwater fisheries laws (see page 24), regardless of location within the state. 50-5-1500, 50-5-1550.

To take shad or herring for **commercial purposes other than bait**, persons must have the following:

- A. Saltwater Commercial License (Resident, \$25; Nonresident \$300)

- B. Gear License (Resident, \$10; Nonresident, \$50) per net (for gears other than gill nets) or per 100 yards of gill net.
- C. Boat Decal (no cost)
- D. Shad or herring harvest permit.

(A Wholesale Dealer License is not required to sell shad or herring to a licensed Wholesale Seafood Dealer.)

To take shad or herring for **commercial sale for bait**, a person must have the following:

- A. Gear License (Resident, \$10; Nonresident, \$50) per net (for gears other than gill nets) or per 100 yards of gill net.
- B. Bait Dealer License (Resident, \$25; Nonresident, \$125)
- C. Boat Decal (no cost)

## Nongame Freshwater Fishing Methods & Devices

Some devices are not permitted on certain waters. See Area & Limits on page 22 for devices and limits allowed in each area.

### Set Hooks

**Description:** A single hook and line attached to bushes, limbs, poles, sticks or similar structures.  
**Permits/Regulations:** A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 hooks (50 hook limit). A label bearing the owner's name and address must be attached to each set hook.

*Persons 65 years or older or under age 16 are not required to purchase a Set Hook Permit, but a label with their name, address and age must be attached to each set hook. A fishing license is required. A permit is not required for 2 set hooks with a valid state fishing license.*

**Hours/Seasons:** Must be removed prior to one hour after official sunrise each day and cannot be reattached prior to one hour before official sunset.

### Jugs

**Description:** A single hook and line attached to a free-floating device with a minimum capacity of one pint and a maximum of one gallon. May not have more than one line.

**Permits/Regulations:** A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 jugs (50 jug limit). Licensee's name and address must be clearly marked on each jug. Jug fishing is legal only in Lakes Greenwood, Secession, Richard B. Russell, Thurmond, and Stevens Creek. *A permit is not required for 2 jugs with a valid state fishing license.*

**Hours/Seasons:** Must be removed from the water before one hour after official sunrise each day and not replaced prior to one hour before official sunset.

## Trotlines

**Description:** 2 or more hooks attached to a line which is rigged horizontally and marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 21). Stainless steel hooks are prohibited statewide. *Hooks used in Lakes Marion and Moultrie ONLY must measure 7/16 inch or less between point and shank.*

**Permits/Regulations:** A tag is required for each trotline with up to 50 hooks. Trotlines with more than 50 hooks requires a tag for every 50 hooks or less. No trotline shall be attached in any manner to another trotline or to the support or float of another trotline. No trotlines allowed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.

**Hours/Seasons:** Trotlines must be inspected and fish removed at least every 24 hours. From Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, no trotline is permitted in any waters from one hour after official sunrise to one hour before official sunset, unless the trotline is sunk to the bottom or a minimum depth of four feet below the surface. From Oct. 2 to Mar. 31, trotlines may be left in the water 24 hours per day at any depth.

## Traps & Eel Pots

**Description:** A device (as described below and on the following page) marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 21).

**Permits/Regulations:** A tag is required for each trap or eel pot. A permit is required for the harvest of eels in both freshwater and saltwater. Traps and eel pots may be suspended in water at a depth which does not create a hazard to watercraft. No trap or eel pot shall be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream. No crab pot or trap of like design may be used in the fresh waters of this state.

**Hours/seasons:** No closed season.

**Trap Type 1** - *The trap may be made of wire or textile material and be cylindrical in shape of a length not more than 6 feet and a width of not more than 3 feet. The mesh shall not be smaller than 1 inch by 1 inch, and there shall be only one application of exterior wire to the trap. The muzzle shall have one of the following designs: A trap door on the second muzzle or catch muzzle which remains in a closed position and which only opens for the entry of fish into the trap; or constructed of netting so that the opening of the small end of the second muzzle or catch muzzle is held in the shape of a slit and the trap configuration constructed such that as the trap rests on the bottom, the slit shall be oriented horizontally with the greatest vertical opening being no greater than 1 inch.*

**Trap Type 2** - *The trap may be made of wood strips or slats and be cylindrical or rectangular in shape. The length shall not exceed 6 feet, and the width or diameter shall not exceed 2 feet. The throat*



*opening of the catch muzzle in a resting position shall not exceed 3 inches measured in any direction. The sides, top and rear of the trap shall have a minimum of one inch opening between the slats to allow for the escape of small catfish. This shall apply only to the last 12 inches of the trap.*

**Eel pot** – Pots no larger than 24 inches by 48 inches and constructed of wire with a mesh size no smaller than 1/2 by 1/2 inch, except for the throat or muzzle and the end opposite the throat or muzzle. The throat opening shall not exceed 2 inches measured in any direction.

## Hoop Nets

**Description:** Nets made of textile netting (no wire) of a mesh size between 1 and 2 inches square enclosing a series of round hoops with two or more muzzle openings made of a netting material. The maximum size net allowed is 16 feet by 5 1/2 feet.

**Permits/Regulations:** Hoop nets must rest on the bottom and cannot be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.

**Hours/Seasons:** No closed season.

## Gill Nets

**Description:** Nets with a mesh size greater than 4 1/2 inches stretch mesh. The maximum length is 200 yards and no net, cable, line or other device used for support of the gill net can extend more than halfway across the stream or body of water. Nets must be marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification).

**Permits/Regulations:** Gill nets shall be placed on a first-come basis, and no net can be placed within 200 yards of another gill net.

**Hours/Seasons:** The season for taking nongame fish other than shad and herring is Nov. 1 to Mar. 1 (where authorized) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. Fishing time begins at 12:01 am on Wednesday, and ends at midnight on Saturday.

## Other Devices

**Descriptions:** Devices described in this section may be used in any body of fresh water including tributaries of rivers or creeks except in prohibited areas. A state fishing license is required (Lakes & Reservoir Permits are not valid). Tags are not required.

• **Bows and Arrows, Spears, Gigs & Cast Nets**

• **Skimbow Net** – A hand-operated dip net with the bow constructed of wood or metal with wire or textile netting with a mesh size not greater than 1 1/2 inches square. The bow shall not exceed 6 feet in any direction and may be used only from February through April 30 for shad or herring.

• **Minnow Seine** – Must not be greater than four feet in width by 20 feet in length with a mesh size of not more than 1/4 inch square mesh. It is unlawful to have in possession a minnow seine from 10 PM to official sunrise.

• **Tires** – Must not exceed 20-inch rim. Rules and regulations of power companies may not allow for the placing of tires.

• **Seine** – A net having a stretch mesh of not less than 1 inch and not more than 1 1/2 inches which does not exceed 75 feet in length or 6 feet in depth. It shall be unlawful to anchor a seine and leave it unattended.

# Regulations

## Markers and Identification

Trotlines, Traps, Eel Pots and Gill Nets must be marked with a floating marker with a minimum capacity of one pint and a maximum capacity of one gallon or equivalent size and must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink if punctured or cracked. The floating markers must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam or cork. No hollow buoys or floats including plastic, metal or glass bottles or jugs may be used except manufactured buoys or floats specifically designed for use with nongame fishing devices; these may be hollow if constructed of heavy duty plastic material and approved by the SCDNR. The floating markers must be colored white when used the 1st through the 15th of the month and yellow when used the remainder of the month. The owner's name and address must be marked clearly on each floating marker.

Hoop Nets set on the Congaree River from the I-77 Bridge to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers must also be marked with the same floating markers as listed above.

## Bait

No game fish, live bait or any bait other than bait listed below shall be used with trotlines, set hooks and jugs: soap, doughballs, cut fish (nongame fish cut into at least three equal parts), shrimp, grapes or meat scraps (shall not include insects, worms and other invertebrates).

On the Edisto, Black, Sampit, Big Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used with single-barbed set hooks and trotlines that have a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches or greater.

On the Black, Big Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used on trotlines having not more than 20 hooks with a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches.

Game fish used as bait must be included in daily creel limit, 30 bream per day (see pg. 18).

There are no restrictions on the type of bait permissible in traps or eel pots except that no game fish or parts thereof shall be used as bait.

## Prohibited Areas

No nongame fishing devices of any kind may be used in SCDNR-managed lakes (as listed on page 18), Monticello Reservoir, Monticello Reservoir Sub-Impoundment or waters above the Norfolk Southern Railroad track in Green-

ville, Pickens and Oconee counties, except in Lakes Hartwell and Keowee and Twelve-Mile Creek.

## Prohibited Practices

Possession or use on the freshwaters of this state of any device or gear designed or used to catch nongame fish not authorized by law is prohibited.

Possession of game fish or tackle designed to catch game fish is prohibited while fishing traps, trotlines, or other nongame fish devices except cast nets and bows and arrows.

It is unlawful for any person to tamper with, fish, or use in any manner the nongame fishing device or gear owned and tagged by another person, or to take from any such device or gear, any fish caught thereon. No fishing device shall be used, placed, set or fished so as to create a hazard to boating.

No trotlines, traps or eel pots shall be placed within 200 yards of any permanent man-made structure on Lakes Marion and Moultrie nor placed anywhere in the Diversion Canal connecting Lakes Marion and Moultrie, the Tailrace Canal nor the area known as the Borrow Pit (also known as "Bar Pit") in Clarendon County.

## Penalties

The boat, motor, fishing gear and fish of any person who is charged with unlawfully fishing, using or having in possession a gill net or hoop net on any freshwater lake or reservoir shall be confiscated.

Any person who tampers with any non-game fishing device with intent to damage or to make it ineffective for the purpose of taking fish shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days, and for stealing a device or fish caught in the device shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

Upon the conviction of any commercial freshwater fisherman of illegal possession of game fish or the sale or traffic in game fish, SCDNR shall suspend such person's license or privilege to fish in this state for a period of one year.

Up-to-date regulations and information are provided when nongame tags and or permits are purchased. Tags, permits and Commercial Freshwater Fishing License must be purchased from the Columbia Office in person or by writing: FISH TAGS, PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211. An application may be obtained at [www.scdnr.state.sc.us](http://www.scdnr.state.sc.us) or by calling DNR at (803) 734-3833.



# NONGAME AREAS & LIMITS

\*Described limits are the maximum number of nongame devices allowed per license holder.

## Ashepool River:

Set hooks - 50

Eel pots - No limit

## Ashley River:

Set hooks - 50

Eel pots - No limit

**Big Pee Dee River**-See Great Pee Dee River

**Black Creek**-Darlington, Florence & Chesterfield Cos:

(Lakes Robinson & Prestwood)

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Black River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Broad River:** Includes the waters from the North Carolina state line to the confluence of the Broad and Saluda rivers.

Traps 5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Set hooks-50

Seines-1 (from Hwy 34 bridge upstream)

**Bull Creek**-Horry & Georgetown Counties:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Eel pots-No limit

Traps-50\*

## Buffalo Creek:

Seines-1

Bush River-Laurens Co:

Seines-1

## Combahee River:

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-No limit

**Congaree River:** From the Gervais Street Bridge in Columbia to the I-77 Bridge in Columbia.

Traps-50\*

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial lic.

**Congaree River:** From the I-77 Bridge to confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers.

Traps-10 max. w/ commercial lic.

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

Hoop nets-10 w/commercial lic.

(see Markers & Identification)

Set hooks-50

**Cooper River:** Traps, trotlines, set hooks and eel pots are not permitted upstream from Wadboo Creek

Traps-50\*

Trotline-150 hooks total

Fyke Nets-As allowed for eel fishing by regulation

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-No limit

Pump nets-No limit

## Coosawhatchie & Tullifinny rivers:

Set hooks-50

Mallards Lake- Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Mims Lake**- Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Shuler Lake**- Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Woods Lake**- Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Bridge Lake**- Dorchester Co.:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Little Pond Lake**- Dorchester Co.:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Steed's Lake-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**John's Hole Lake**-Dorchester Co:

Nongamegill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Rock's Lake**-Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

**Mouth of Four Holes Lake**-

Dorchester Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Durbin Creek:

Seines-1

## Edisto River:

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-no limit

## Enoree River:

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Set hooks-50

Seines-1 from Southern Railroad in Greenville Co. downstream

**Great Pee Dee River:** From I-95 to NC state line.

Traps-50\*

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial lic.

North of SC 34 only

**Great Pee Dee River:** From I-95 to the saltwater line.

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-Below Highway 701 bridge only, no limit

Traps-50\*

**Jefferies Creek**-Florence Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Lake Greenwood:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Jugs-50

## Lake Hartwell:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Lake Jocassee:

All nongame devices prohibited, including cast nets.

## Lake Keowee:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Lakes Marion and Moultrie:

Waters between confluence of Wateree and Congaree rivers and backwaters of Lake Marion are considered a part of Lake Marion.

Traps-50\*

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

## Lake Murray:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Lake Richard B. Russell:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Jugs-50

## Lake Secession:

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Jugs-50

## Lake Thurmond & Stevens Creek

### Reservoir:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Jugs-50

## Lake Wateree:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

**Catawba River:** From Lake Wylie

Dam to the backwaters of Lake Wateree, including all reservoirs.

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Set hooks-50

Seines-1 in York Co. only

Lake Wylie:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Little River:

Seines-1 from Mars Bridge in

McCormick Co. upstream

## Little Pee Dee River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Log Creek

Edgefield Co:

Seines-1

## Long Cane Creek:

Above Patterson

Bridge

Seines-1

## Louder's Lake

Darlington Co:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Lumber River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Lynches River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Monticello Res. & Sub-Impound.

Nongame devices prohibited

## Mulberry Creek

Greenwood Co:

Seines-1

## New River:

Set hooks-50

## Old River:

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Pacolet River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1

**Rabon Creek** in Laurens Co:

Seines-1

**Redbank Creek**-Saluda Co. west of

Highway 121:

Seines-1

## Reedy River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1 from Southern RR in

Greenville Co. downstream

**Rocky River**-Anderson Co:

Seines-1

## Salkehatchie River:

Set hooks-50

**Saluda River:** From Southern RR

Trestle in Greenville Co. to backwaters of Lake Greenwood and from

Lake Greenwood Dam to backwaters of Lake Murray.

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1 in Anderson, Laurens and Greenville cos. only except in Anderson

Co. seines may be used in river tributaries.

**Saluda River:** From Lake Murray

Dam to the Gervais St. Bridge in

Columbia.

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Sampit River:

Nongame gill nets in season

Traps-50\*

Set hooks-50

**Santee River:** downstream from Wilson Dam on Lake Marion. No

nongame gear (except skimbrow nets) allowed upstream of U.S.G.S. Gauging

Station 1715 about 2.4 miles below

Santee Dam.

Traps-50\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Eel pots-No limit

**Savannah River:** Below Stevens Creek

Dam.

Traps-50\*

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial lic.

Set hooks-50

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

Eel pots-No limit

**Stevens Creek:** Above Clark's Hill

Bridge.

Seines-1

**Thicketty Creek**-Cherokee Co.:

Seines-1

**Turkey Creek**-Edgefield & Greenwood

Cos.

Seines-1

## Twelve-Mile Creek:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Tyger River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1

## Waccamaw River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-No limit below junction of

Big Bull Creek

**Warrior Creek**-Laurens Co:

Seines-1

## Wateree River:

Traps-50\*

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial lic.

**Wilson Creek**-Greenwood Co:

Seines-1

# Saltwater Fishing

## General Information

The following laws pertain mainly to noncommercial saltwater fishing, shrimping, crabbing and shellfishing for personal consumption.

Individuals (age 16 and older) harvesting oysters or clams or individuals fishing for marine finfish from privately owned boats must purchase an annual or temporary Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License.

Fishing piers and chartered vessels charging a fee for fishing and those offering fishing boats for rent must purchase a Marine Recreational Fisheries license annually. Applications for Pier and Charter Vessel Licenses are available from the DNR office in Charleston.

Any person engaged in selling any fish or fishery product, including bait, must first obtain a license from the Marine Resources Division. Regulations concerning commercial saltwater fishing are provided with commercial licenses and are available through Marine Resources Division at the address below.

*For more information contact: SCDNR, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, (843) 953-9300.*

*For federal fishery limits and regulations, contact: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407, (843) 571-4366.*

### Annual License Fees

#### Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License

Annual Resident License.....	\$10
Annual Non-Resident License .....	\$35
Temporary Resident License (14 days) .	\$5
Temporary Non-Resident License (14 days) .....	\$11

#### Shrimp Baiting License

Resident License.....	\$25
Non-Resident License .....	\$500

#### Commercial Pier License (>100).....

#### Commercial Pier License (≤100).....

#### Charter Vessel License

(6 or less passengers).....	\$150
(7-49 passengers) .....	\$250
(50 or more passengers) .....	\$350

#### Rental Boat License .....

\$40

**Seasons:** No closed season

#### Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to fish from a boat within 300 feet of commercial fishing piers extending into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Fishing from the shore in the waters under or within 50 feet on either side or beyond the end of any ocean fishing pier in Horry County is prohibited.

## Gigging

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License.

#### Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to gig red drum or spotted seatrout during Dec., Jan. and Feb.
- It is unlawful in Georgetown County to gig for fish in salt waters from the northern tip of North Island to the northern tip of Magnolia Beach during daylight hours.

## Bangsticks

- It is unlawful to take, have in one's possession or to land or sell any species of fish taken by means of a bangstick or similar device.

## Cast Nets (Other than Shrimp)

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License.

## Seines & Gill Nets

### (Anchor, Set, Stake & Drift Nets)

**Permits/Licenses:**

- Gill nets, haul seines (except shrimp seines under 40 ft.), \$10 for each 100 net ft. or fraction thereof.
- Powerboats transporting nets or other commercial fishing equipment must have vessel decals.

**Seasons:** No closed season in saltwater; (except shad, sturgeon and herring).

#### Restrictions:

- Red drum and spotted seatrout may not be taken by nets. Sharks may not be taken by gill nets
- Gill nets no longer than 100 feet with a 3-inch minimum stretched mesh size may be used only in unrestricted areas of the Atlantic Ocean. Gill nets no longer than 100 yard with 3-inch minimum stretched mesh size may be used only in special designated inshore areas.
- Gill nets must be marked with one end bouy that is international orange in color with the name and address of owner. Operator must be within 500 feet of the net and have visual contact with the net at all times when deployed.
- Nets may not be set more than halfway across any waterway at any time.
- Stationary or fixed nets, including gill nets, may not be set or placed within 600 feet of a net previously set.
- Gill net users must be within 500 feet or hauling distance of the net at all times.
- It is unlawful to use any seine or gill net in

any waters within a state park; except, small hand seines and cast nets for taking shrimp are allowed.

## Size & Catch Limits for Saltwater Fish

*Note: Fishery Regulations are subject to change.*

TL=Total Length, FL=Fork Length

State Waters extend from the saltwater-freshwater dividing line to the 3-mile limit.

AIW=Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

Federal Waters extend from the 3-mile limit to 200 miles offshore (international waters).

All species in this section must be landed with head and tail intact.

## Sport Fish

### Red Drum (Channel Bass/Spottail)

**Limit:** 2 per person per day (state waters)  
0 (federal waters)

**Size:** 15-inch minimum (TL) and 24-inch maximum (TL) (state waters)

#### Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round or by gigging March through November.
- May not be harvested from federal waters.
- South Carolina native caught fish may not be sold (state waters).

### Spotted Seatrout

**Limit:** 10 per person per day (state waters)

**Size:** 13-inch minimum (TL) (state waters)

#### Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round or by gigging March through November.
- South Carolina native caught fish may not be sold (state waters).

### Flounders (Southern & Summer)

**Limit:** Rod & reel or gigging only - 20 per person per day (state waters)

**Size:** 12-inch minimum (TL) (state waters)

#### Seasons/Restrictions:

- Size limits apply to both recreational & commercial fishing.

### Striped Bass

**Limit:** 10 per person per day except 5 per day in Wando & Cooper rivers and Santee River downstream to the AIW.

**Size:** None in salt waters, except 21-inch minimum in the Wando & Cooper rivers and Santee River above the AIW.

#### Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round & may not be sold (state waters).
- Unlawful to take in saltwaters of the Savannah River.

## Saltwater Fishing Methods & Devices

### Hook and Line

**Permits/License:** Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License required when fishing from privately owned boats or when transporting catch in privately owned boats. Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required when fishing for sharks in federal waters, or when fishing for tuna, billfish and swordfish in both state and federal waters.



## Bluefish

**Limit:** 15 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season

## King Mackerel

**Limit:** 3 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** 24-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- January 1 to December 31, fishery may be closed to all harvest if total allowable catch is exceeded (state & federal waters).

## Spanish Mackerel

**Limit:** 15 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** 12-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- January 1 to December 31, fishery may be closed to all harvest if total allowable catch is exceeded (state & federal waters).

## Cobia

**Limit:** 2 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** 33-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

## Tarpon

**Limit:** 1 per person per day (state waters)

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel & may not be sold.

## Greater Amberjack

**Limit:** 1 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** 28-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Commercial harvest restrictions during April. Prohibits sale of fish harvested under bag limit when season is closed.

## Sheepshead, Spadefish

**Catch Limit:** No more than 20 per person per day in aggregate with the snapper grouper complex species listed on this page.

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Bluerunners and tomtates are excluded from the bag limit.

## Dolphin

**Limits:** 10 per person or 60 per boat per day (all waters); headboats have no boat limit.

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season

## Wahoo

**Limits:** 2 per person per day

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season

## Atlantic Tunas

### Yellowfin Tuna

**Limit:** 3 per person per day.

**Size:** 27-inch minimum (FL)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Federal Permit required.

## Bigeye, Bluefin Tuna

**Limits:** Check current Federal Regulations by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA or checking [www.nmfspermits.com](http://www.nmfspermits.com).

**Size:** 27-inch minimum (FL)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Check current Federal Regulations by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA or checking [www.nmfspermits.com](http://www.nmfspermits.com).
- Federal Permit required.

## Albacore, Skipjack

**Limit:** None

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Federal Permit required.

## Porgies & Snappers

### Red Porgy

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- 1 per person per day.
- 14-inch minimum (TL).

### Vermilion Snapper

**Limit:** 10 per person per day (all waters) (recreational)

**Size:** 11-inch minimum (TL) recreational size limit; 12-inch minimum (TL) commercial size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

## Other Snappers

### (Excluding Vermilion)

Red Snapper	20-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Lane Snapper	8-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Black Snapper	No size limit No closed season
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Blackfin, Cubera, Dog, Yellowtail, Gray, Mahogany, Silk, Schoolmaster & Queen Snapper	12-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Mutton Snapper	16-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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**Limit:**

- 10 per person per day from this group (including all snapper species except Vermilion), and no more than 2 Red Snapper may be included in the total (state & federal waters).

## Hogfish

**Limit:** None

**Size:** 12-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

## Sea Bass, Grouper & Tilefish

## Black Seabass

**Limit:** 20 per person per day

**Size:** 10-inch minimum (TL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

## Grouper Tilefish Combinations

Gag & Black Grouper	24-inch minimum (TL)
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Scamp, Red, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth Groupers	20-inch minimum (TL)
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**Limits:**

- 5 per person per day from this group, and no more than 2 Gag or Black Groupers may be included in the total (state & federal waters).

**Restrictions:**

- No closed season

## Warsaw, Speckled Hind Groupers

**Limit:** 1 warsaw and 1 speckled hind per vessel per trip

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season.

## Nassau Grouper, Goliath

**Limit:** Possession is prohibited

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No open season

## All Other Snapper Grouper Complex Species Combined

**Species:** Including but not limited to: Gray, Queen and Ocean Triggerfish; Whitebone, Knobbed, Jolthead, Saucereye, Grass and Longspine Porgies; Scup, Sheepshead, Almaco, Bar, Crevalle and Yellow Jacks; Lesser Amberjack; Banded Rudderfish; Bluestripe, White, Smallmouth, French and Spanish grunts; Black Margate; Margate; Porkfish; Cottonwick; Sailors Choice; Spadefish; Puddingwife; Bank Sea Bass; Rock Sea Bass

**Limit:** 20 per person per day from this group

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Bluerunners and tomtates are excluded from the bag limit.
- No closed season.

## Sharks

**Permits/Licenses:** Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required in federal waters.

## Dogfish (Spiny & Smooth)

**Limit:** None (all waters)

**Size:** No size limit

## Atlantic Sharpnose

**Limit:** 1 per person per day (federal waters)

2 per person per day (state waters)

**Size:** No size limit

## Bonnethead

**Limit:** 1 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** No size limit

**Sandbar, Silky, Blacktip, Spinner, Bull, Tiger, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Great Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Blacknose, Finetooth, Shortfin Mako, Thresher, Porbeagle, Oceanic Whitetip and Blue Sharks**

**Limit:** 1 shark per boat per trip from this group.

**Size:** 54-inch minimum (FL)

**Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Whale, Basking, White, Dusky, Bignose, Galapagos, Night, Caribbean Reef, Narrowtooth, Caribbean Sharpnose, Smalltail, Atlantic Angel, Longfin Mako, Bigeye Thresher, Sevengill, Sixgill and Bigeye Sixgill Sharks**

**Limit:** Possession is prohibited

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No open season. Sharks from this group may not be kept. If caught, sharks from this group must be released immediately.

## Special Information

**Special Management Zones** - The following Artificial Reefs have been declared "Special Management Zones" and are protected by federal regulations: *BP-25, Beaufort 45, Betsy Ross, Bill Perry, C.J. Davidson, Cape Romain, Capers, Charleston 60, Comanche, Eagles Nest, Edisto 40, Edisto 60, Edisto Offshore, Fripp Island, Georgetown, Greenville, Hilton Head, Hunting Island, Kiawah, Little River Offshore, North Inlet, Paradise, Pawley's Island, Ten Mile, Vermilion, Wayne Upchurch, Will Goldfinch and Y-73*. Fishing may be conducted only with hook and line gear and spearfishing gear (excluding powerheads). The use of fish traps, longlines, gill nets, and trawls is prohibited. Powerheads (bangsticks) are prohibited except for safety purposes. It is unlawful to possess, land, or sell any species of fish taken with a bangstick (reef and non-reef areas).

**Unlawful to Sell Gamefish** - The following species have been declared gamefish and native caught fish may not be sold; red drum (channel bass), spotted seatrout, striped bass and tarpon. The purchase, barter, trade, or sale of billfish, including marlin, sailfish and spearfish, is unlawful regardless of where taken or landed. Swordfish may be sold under commercial laws only.

**Prohibited Practices** - The use of dynamite, gun

powder, lime or any other explosive in or about any waters of this state is unlawful.

It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale any **sea turtles** or to offer for sale, sell or destroy any sea turtle eggs. Sea turtles are protected by the Federal Endangered Species Act. It is unlawful to display, feed, net, trap, harpoon, molest or otherwise interfere with the well-being or normal activity of **marine mammals** of the orders Cetacea, Sirenia and Pinnipedia, including but not limited to bottlenose dolphin, spotted dolphin, common dolphin, manatee, porpoise, harbor seal and any species of whale in any waters of the state. Marine mammals are also protected by federal law.

## Billfish

Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required

### Blue Marlin

**Size:** 99-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

### White Marlin

**Size:** 66-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

### Sailfish

**Limit:** None

**Size:** 63-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel-no sale

### Swordfish

**Limit:** 1 per person per day up to 3 per vessel per trip

**Size:** 47-inch minimum from lower jaw (FL) (state & federal waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel.

Recreationally taken fish may not be sold

## Sturgeon & Shad

### Shortnose sturgeon

**Limit:** Possession is prohibited

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Unlawful to catch, buy, sell, possess or ship. Classified as an endangered species.

### Atlantic sturgeon

**Limit:** Possession is prohibited (state waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No open season until further notice.

Unlawful to catch, buy, sell, possess or ship.

### American Shad, Herring

**Limit:** 10 Shad per person per day except in Santee River and Rediversion canal (20 per person per day).

1 U.S. bushel of Herring per person per day.

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season for recreational fishing with castnet or hook & line, including rod & reel. Skimbow nets allowed Feb. 1 through Apr. 30. Gill nets allowed as for commercial use.

## Shrimp Harvesting

### Catch Limits for Shrimp

Certain exemptions apply to permitted charter vessels and licensed bait dealers. For information contact SCDNR, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422 or call 843-953-9300.

### Taking Shrimp Without Bait

**Permits/Licenses:** None for personal use

**Limits/Seasons:**

- 48 quarts whole or 29 quarts headed shrimp per boat, or per person per day if no boat is used or among seining parties. May 1 - Dec. 15.
- 12 dozen dead or live shrimp per boat Dec. 16 through April 30

### Shrimp Baiting

**Permits/Licenses:** Shrimp Baiting License and pole marker tags required. A license is not required for residents assisting license holders. Permits available after August 1.

**Seasons:** 60-day period set by SCDNR beginning at 12:00 noon on the last Friday on or before Sept. 15.

**Limits:**

- 48 quarts whole or 29 quarts headed shrimp per boat, or per person per day if no boat is used or among seining parties.

**Restrictions:**

- Shrimp caught over bait cannot be sold.
- No more than 10 poles can be used per day. Poles may not exceed 1-inch in diameter, and must have a numbered tag attached which corresponds with the shrimp baiting license. Each pole must also be marked with reflective tape.
- All poles must be set within 100 yards, and the distance between each set of poles must be at least 25 yards. Poles may not be set within 50 yards of any dock, public landing or boat ramp. Unattended poles will be confiscated.
- The owner of a private dock or person with written permission may bait from that dock once properly licensed.
- Shrimp pots or traps are prohibited.
- Individuals who are: 1) officers of a corporation which, owns a vessel specified on a trawl license, 2) masters of a vessel specified on a trawl license application; 3) licensed to use a channel net; 4) licensed to use a cast net for a commercial purpose; or 4) licensed as a whole-sale seafood dealer may not obtain a shrimp baiting license.
- Cast nets used for taking shrimp over bait must have a minimum mesh size of ½ inch square.

### Shrimp Seines

**Permits/Licenses:** None for personal use

**Seasons:** No closed season

### Restrictions:

- Maximum length of shrimp seine, 40 feet; minimum mesh size, 1/2 inch square mesh nylon (9/16 inch square mesh cotton).
- Tail bags or pockets are not allowed on seines when pulled by hand.
- Staked seines are considered commercial channel net devices, and allowances and restrictions are provided with the purchase of a commercial license.
- One limit per seine per day.

### Trawling

**Permits/Licenses:** Commercial Fishing, Boat Decal, and Gear License required.

**Restrictions:** Trawling for personal use is restricted to the same license requirements, areas and seasons as commercial trawling. This information is provided with license.

## Crab, Lobster & Shellfish Harvesting

### Blue crabs

**Limit:** None (state waters)

**Size:** 5-inch minimum carapace width (point to point)

#### Restrictions:

- Female blue crabs with egg mass (sponge) must be returned to water unharmed immediately.
- Not more than two pots or traps per person, with owner's name attached to a yellow float, for recreational purposes.

### Stone crabs

**Limit:** None (state waters)

**Size:** Claws must be 2 3/4-inch minimum forearm (propodus)

#### Restrictions:

- Only the larger of two claws may be kept.
- It is unlawful to possess any stone crab body, live or dead.
- No claw may be removed from a female with egg mass.

### Spiny lobster

**Limit:** 2 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** Carapace must be over 3 inches

#### Restrictions:

- No closed season.

- Removal of tail at sea prohibited.
- No harvest of berried females is allowed.
- No explosives, poisons, spears, or piercing devices other than fishing hooks are allowed.

### Oysters

**Limit:** 2 U.S. bushels per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds. No person may harvest oysters recreationally on more than two calendar days per any seven day period. No boat or vehicle, or boat and vehicle combination may contain more than three personal limits regardless of the number of persons on the boat or in the vehicle. In order to possess three personal limits there must be three persons on the boat or in the vehicle. If there are four or more persons on the boat or in the vehicle there is a maximum possession limit of three personal limits.

**Size:** No Limit

#### Restrictions:

- Season typically Sept. 16 through May 14; may be shortened or extended by the DNR.
- A person may harvest recreationally no more than two days per seven day period.

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

### Clams

**Limit:** 1/2 U.S. bushel per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds. No person may harvest clams recreationally on more than two calendar days per any seven day period. No boat or vehicle, or boat and vehicle combination may contain more than three personal limits regardless of the number of persons on the boat or in the vehicle. In order to possess three personal limits there must be three persons on the boat or in the vehicle. If there are four or more persons on the boat or in the vehicle there is a maximum possession limit of three personal limits.

**Size:** 1-inch minimum thickness

#### Restrictions:

- Season typically Sept. 16 through May 14; may be shortened or extended by the DNR.
- A person may harvest recreationally no more than two days per seven day period.

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

## Crab & Shellfish Methods & Devices

### Crab Pots (Traps)

**Permits/Licenses:** None for up to two pots. A Commercial Fishing License, Boat Decal, and Gear License are required for over two pots. (Other information is provided with licenses.)

**Seasons:** No closed season

#### Restrictions:

- If unattended, each pot must bear name or license number of owner.
- No crab pot shall be left unattended in coastal waters more than 5 days.
- No crab trap or pot may be set within 100 yards of a public boat landing or launching area or set so as to be left dry at low tide.
- A float attached to a crab pot or trap must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink upon being punctured or cracked. The floats must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam, or cork. The primary float for a recreational pot or trap must be yellow in color and at least ten inches in length if rectangular, cylindrical, or conical and at least five inches in diameter or width. Round or spherical floats must be at least six inches in diameter. Buoy lines for crab pots must be made of nonfloating material.

### Gathering Shellfish (Oysters & Clams)

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License

**Seasons:** Typically Sept. 16 through May 14 (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset)

#### Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to use scoops, scrapes, tongs, or dredges to take shellfish without a permit.
- Shellfish may be harvested recreationally from State shellfish grounds and Public shellfish grounds. Most Public and State shellfish grounds are marked with signs. Recreational harvesting is allowed on Culture permit grounds (formerly leases), but only when the harvester has in possession, written permission from the Culture permit holder. License must be in possession while harvesting.

*Maps of areas where oysters and clams may be gathered in season for recreation may be found on the web at [www.dnr.state.sc.us](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us) or by writing Marine Resources at PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422.*

### SHRIMP BAITING LICENSE APPLICATION

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (M) (F) Race \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that persons whose recreational privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply for, hold, or use SCDNR recreational licenses, permits, stamps, or tags.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the above information, sign and return with the appropriate fee to the mailing address above.*

**Note:** Applications with incomplete information will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.

Residents: Submit \$25.00 check or money order payable to SCDNR with application. (Non-residents, \$500.00 Cashiers Check or Money Order only.)

SCDNR License Office:  
PO Box 11710  
Columbia, SC 29211  
(803) 734-3833



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# 2004 Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License Report

## Introduction

During 2002/03, the program underwent some major changes. Effective 1 July, 2002 the cost and structure of the saltwater license was changed by the SC Legislature to mirror the State's Freshwater license. This gives residents and out-of-state anglers a variety of license options to choose from. It also provided a doubling of the revenues which are being used for activities of importance to the State's saltwater recreational anglers. Another significant event was the end of the saltwater stamp and print program. Due mainly to dwindling sales, the decision was made to cancel the annual art contest after it's tenth season. The final and tenth edition to the art series was won by Florida artist Tom Krause. To commemorate this final edition the species that was featured was the most popular saltwater inshore gamefish in the State and also the species chosen on the First of State saltwater print done back in 1992, the "red drum", locally known as the spottail bass.

Since it's effective date of 1 July 1992, we estimate that the program has sold approximately 1,066,877 stamps/licenses to fishermen and 48,557 stamps to collectors. Art collectors and conservationists have purchased approximately 12,891 limited edition and medallion prints by artists such as Diane Peebles, Tom Krause and South Carolina's own Barnie Slice and Matt Constantine.

During the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 approximately \$1.15M total was generated by the program. The law stipulates that no more than 25% of the revenues generated for a given year may be used for administration and law enforcement activities. In addition, all "new" monies generated by the fee increase will be used for projects and activities that support recreational saltwater fishing and shellfishing in SC only. This means that \$27,941 was set aside to administer the program, \$111,763 was provided for coastal law enforcement, leaving approximately \$1M to fund eligible coastal saltwater projects and activities (see below).

## 2003 Activities

**Artificial Reefs** –Seventeen offshore artificial reef construction projects were completed on twelve different permitted sites as of January 2004. This included the sinking of 100 subway cars, 500 concrete reef cones, tons of concrete rubble, 13 submarine camels and the dispersal of pieces and parts of what was once of the old Limehouse Bridge onto three different reef sites. Nine damaged or missing buoys were replaced. In addition, work began on moving the reef program inshore. Two inshore reef sites have been permitted in the Winyah Bay area and another application is pending for a site in St. Helena Sound - \$230K

**Marine Fish** – SCDNR's Marine Gamefish Tagging Program continues to promote angler ethics and conservation with the support of license funds. Last year, 622 participants tagged 4,024 fish. We received information from 495 recaptured fish, the top two species were red and black drum. An effort to specifically tag dolphinfish continued this year. A total of 1,700 dolphin have been tagged so far and 34 recaptured. The most notable was a fish tagged in the Florida Keys and recovered 93 days later off the New Jersey coast, 995 miles to the north. Another important component in SCDNR's effort to maintain high quality fishing opportunities are our efforts to monitor and track stocks of recreationally important species. In this regard, we have staff assigned to collect size, age and reproductive information from a variety of species. We do this by using our own gear to catch and record this data in a standardized repeatable fashion using long lines to catch large adult red drum offshore, trammel nets to catch the smaller juvenile red and black drum, flounders, sheepshead and seatrout inshore and even electroshocking. Staff also visit fishing tournaments and

manage freezers in several locations where participating anglers can donate specimens for science. During 2003 staff visited 7 fishing tournaments and were able to obtain information on 638 fish representing 6 species. Anglers also donated 429 additional fish in the freezer program. Another popular program that has been given a boost from the saltwater license is SCDNR's red drum stocking program. Most of this work goes on behind closed doors. It takes time and patience to manage a healthy brood stock and condition them to spawn on cue. Larvae that are produced must then be carefully maintained in ponds or tanks, marked with a chemical agent, so they can later be identified as hatchery fish and then transported to the stocking area. During 2003 approximately 547,000 juvenile red drum were released into the North Edisto River and 625,000 fish released in the May River. These juvenile red drum were about 1" in length and it is hoped that fish able to survive the riggers of life in the salt marsh will be available to the anglers creel by fall/winter 2004. - \$467K

**Oysters** –. Over 28,660 bu of shell were planted on 6 public grounds during 2003 including two sites on the Folly River, Leadenwah Creek, Johnson Cr.. Pinckney Is and Clam Bank Flats in Murrell's Inlet. Two new shell drop off facilities were build for shell recycling, one on St. Helena Is. and the other by the Hwy. 17 bridge in Georgetown. We are also testing new and better ways to enhance and restore some of our local shellfish beds. Staff are testing different ways to place shell on banks, covering some of the shell with different materials to reduce erosion and using volunteers to build and monitor oyster reefs in different areas and under different conditions. Shellfish maps are available to the public free of charge by writing: Recreational Shellfish Maps, Office of Fisheries Management, SCDNR, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston S.C. 29422-2559 or by calling (843) 953-9854 or from the SCDNR Web site ([HTTP://WWW.DNR.STATE.SC.US](http://WWW.DNR.STATE.SC.US)) - \$249K

**Education and Information** – A new saltwater license website has been developed ([HTTP://SALTWATERFISHING.SC.GOV](http://SALTWATERFISHING.SC.GOV)) to keep the public updated on a number of issues including changes in the rules and regulation, saltwater fishing related news and related information. The website averages about 30,000 hits per month. Educational activities and outreach programs including presentations and trips on the Educational Vessel *Discovery*, continue to be a popular activity with local clubs and schools and allow us to display the benefits of the License Program. - \$40K



# Hunting Rules & Regs

Regulations in this section apply to both private and public lands statewide, unless otherwise specified.

Licenses and permits are required for hunting in South Carolina. Detailed information on the types of licenses and permits is located in the License Fees chapter of this book. All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before a hunting license can be obtained.

## Basic Information on Hunting:

Hunting is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue, or diligently search for game.

**Game Zones & WMAs** - South Carolina is divided into eleven game zones, as defined on the map below.

DNR sets and regulates the methods of harvest, bag limits and other requirements for hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and for deer on private lands within game zones 1, 2 and 4. This area encompasses the upstate counties and includes the Mountain, Central and Western Piedmont hunt units.

The SC General Assembly establishes seasons, limits and methods for private land in all of the other game zones (3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11), which encompass the midlands and lower coastal counties. DNR regulates WMA lands within these counties and is responsible for law enforcement statewide.

**Protected Game** - The following species may be hunted ONLY during legally established seasons: bear, beaver, bobcat, deer, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, rabbit, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel, waterfowl (goose, brant and duck), bobwhite quail, mourning dove, rails (marsh hen), coot, gallinule, ruffed grouse, crow, wild turkey, common snipe and woodcock.

**Protected Nongame** - The following species are protected and may not be hunted, molested, caught, transported, sold or possessed in any manner: Alligators, birds of prey (eagles, hawks, osprey, owls, kites and vultures), nongame birds (except English sparrows, pigeons and starlings) and cougars (also known as pumas or mountain lions).

Falconers must possess a SCDNR permit.

The importation or sale of live wolves is prohibited in South Carolina, except for exhibition or scientific purposes upon the approval of SCDNR as provided by regulations. It is unlawful to import coyotes. The sale of coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR (50-11-2630). A person may not have a live wolf in his possession without a SCDNR permit.

**Alligators** - It is unlawful to feed or entice an American alligator with food (50-11-750).

Alligators may only be taken under the SCDNR Private Lands Alligator Management Program. Tags are issued only to landowners or designees in selected coastal areas with suitable habitat. For information about the program and licensing requirements for taking, possession and sale of alligators or their products call (803) 734-3938.

**Armadillos** are not a protected species, however, a hunting license is required to hunt armadillos. Harvesting armadillos on WMA lands is limited to the current open season and weapons that are in effect for game species on the WMA.

**Bear** - It is unlawful to buy, sell, barter or exchange a bear or bear part. Transportation of a freshly killed bear or bear parts is unlawful except during bear season. Any person violating these offenses must be fined not more than \$2500 or imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both, and hunting and fishing privileges must be suspended for 3 years. It is unlawful to feed bears or to hunt bears by the aid of bait (50-11-430, 50-11-440, 50-1-130).

All harvested bear must be reported to the SCDNR Clemson office or 864-654-1671, ext. 19 within 24 hours of harvest.

Participants in party dog hunts for bear must register before Sept. 15 with SCDNR. 25 members maximum per party. Write: SCDNR, 153 Hopewell Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670.

**Crows** - A hunting license and free Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit are required to hunt crows. Crows are migratory birds and as such, are a federally protected species.

The season is based on criteria established by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The open season for crows on private lands in South Carolina is November 1 - March 1, there is no bag limit. During the open season on private lands crows may be taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, or by falconry. Crow hunting on WMA lands is permitted. During the open season for small game hunting on WMAs, crows may only be hunted with weapons legal for small game. In Game Zone 1 no buckshot or rifles greater than .22 rimfire may be used except during deer and bear season (50-11-380). The use of electronic calls for crow hunting is permitted statewide on private land and WMA land. Crows damaging crops may be taken at any time without a federal permit (50 CFR 21.43).

**Deer** - Legal hunting time for deer is the time between one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset (50-11-710).

It is unlawful to hunt, shoot or in any way kill deer from a motorboat, raft or any other water conveyance, or to molest deer while any part of the deer is in water.

Possessing any deer with the head detached while in transit from the point of kill is prohibited.

It is unlawful to hunt deer within 300 yards of a residence without permission of the owner or occupant, except that a landowner may hunt on his own land.

Archery, muzzleloaders and crossbows are allowed during gun hunts.

**Antlerless Deer** - An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or an antlered deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline (50-11-410).

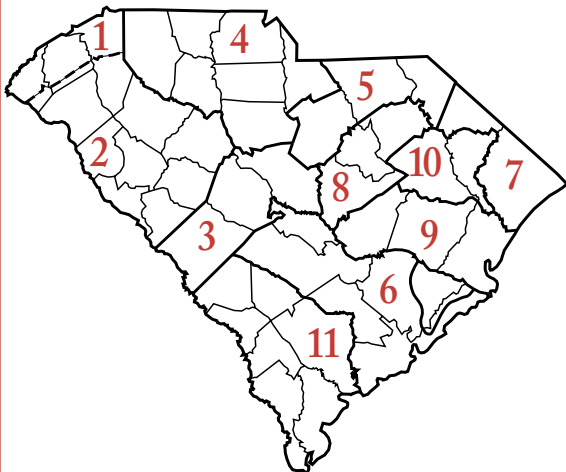
Antlerless deer may not be possessed, hunted, shot or in any way killed except during special seasons or by special permit.

**Antlerless Deer Harvest Programs** are conducted statewide using either-sex days and 2 optional antlerless deer tag programs. The dates for either-sex days are shown in the hunting season section beginning on page 40.

Optional antlerless deer tag programs that hunters may choose to participate in include the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** and the **Antlerless Deer Quota Program (ADQP)**. Both programs are in effect statewide (50-11-390).

With the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** hunters can purchase either 2 or 4 tags per person, for \$5 each, which can be used on any day open to deer hunting with the following Game Zone restrictions: **Game Zone 1, 2, & 4** (Mountains and Central and Western Piedmont); tags are valid on public or private land starting Oct. 1. Utilization is limited to 2 tags per person only in **Game Zone 1**. **Game**

## South Carolina Game Zones



**Zones 3 & 5-11** (Coastal Plain); tags are valid on private lands only starting Sept. 15. Tags are also valid on Sand Hills State Forest WMA in Chesterfield Co. and North Dike WMA in Berkeley Co. during any open season for deer starting Sept. 15. Tags do not have to be used on scheduled either sex days. Tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits prescribed for Game Zones.

All persons purchasing tags in past years will be sent a renewal notice in May. New applicants may complete the application provided on page 47 or contact DNR Deer Project at 803-734-3886 to receive an application. The possession and use of these tags are limited to the purchaser.

**Antlerless Deer Quota Program** - Antlerless deer quotas are issued to qualifying land owners or lessees statewide who complete and submit an application along with a \$50 fee prior to July 15, each year. This program is generally better suited for landowners or lessees with larger acreages. Under the ADQP, a quota of tags is issued for a particular tract of land based on criteria including; density of the local deer population, condition of the local deer population, the size of the tract of land, and the recreational and agricultural objectives of the property owner.

Utilization of tags issued under the ADQP are subject to the following Game Zone restrictions. Game Zone 1 (mountains) tags are valid beginning Oct. 1. Game Zones 2 & 4 (central & western piedmont) and Game Zones 3 & 5-11 (coastal plain) beginning Sept. 15. Tags issued for a particular tract of land can only be used on that tract and they must be used on all antlerless deer that are harvested including antlerless deer harvested on either-sex days or by bow and arrow in Game Zones 1, 2, 4 & 5. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits in Game Zones 1, 2, & 4. A harvest report must be completed by the applicant at the close of the season.

**Feral Hogs and Coyotes** - A hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs and coyotes. Coyotes may be hunted at night only as prescribed in the "Night Hunting" section on the following page. Hogs may not be hunted at night. There is no closed season or weapons restrictions for hunting feral hogs and coyotes on private lands statewide with the following exceptions; in Game Zone 1 during turkey season, hogs may only be taken with weapons legal for turkey. In Game Zone 1 it is unlawful to have in possession any firearm loaded with buckshot or larger shot or a rifle or ammunition greater than .22 rimfire except during deer and bear season (50-11-380). Feral hog and coyote hunting on WMA lands is permitted during any open season for game unless otherwise restricted. (See individual WMAs). On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs and coyotes are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on the WMA - see WMA seasons listing in the Game Zones sections beginning on page 40. No Sunday hunting on WMA lands. The use of electronic calls for feral hog and coyote hunt-

ing is permitted statewide on private and WMA lands. Dog hunting for feral hogs and coyotes is allowed year-round on private lands statewide. Deer may not be hunted with dogs on any WMA lands in Game Zones 1, 2, and 4. On WMA lands in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4 feral hogs and coyotes may not be hunted with dogs during still gun hunts for deer. The possession or transport of live coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR. No hogs may be taken live from any WMA in the state.

**Importation & Possession** - It is unlawful to import, possess or transport for the purpose of release or to introduce or bring into this state any live wildlife of the following types without a permit from the department: a member of the family Cervidae (deer, moose, elk, etc.), coyote, bear, turkey, furbearers (fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, otter, bobcat, weasel and beaver), a nondomestic member of the families Suidae or Tayassuidae (pigs), Bovidae (bison, mountain goat, mountainsheep). 50-16-20

*Note: DNR does not advocate or encourage keeping wildlife in captivity.*

**Turkey** - Season dates: Game Zones 6 & 11, private land only, March 15-May 1. Game Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10 and selected Wildlife Management Areas, April 1-May 1. Turkey tags and brochures containing regulations, season dates and limits available in March through DNR offices and Big Game Check Stations only. Must present hunting license and big game permit to receive tags.

**Small Game** - Small game includes the following species: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, bobcat, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, grouse and weasel. Unless otherwise specified in the small game seasons charts, hunt dates for these species are from Thanksgiving day through March 1.

**Migratory Birds** - Migratory birds include: mourning dove, marsh hens, rails, woodcock, common snipe, common moorhens, purple gallinules, ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, coots, blue & snow geese, brant, Canada geese and crows.

Effective July 1, 1998, anyone over 16 or all licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds in the United States must have a HIP permit and complete a short questionnaire before hunting. Free permits are available at license vendors.

Seasons, shooting hours, limits, and other special restrictions on migratory bird hunting are set by SCDNR in accordance with guidelines set by the U S Fish & Wildlife Service. Detailed information on the seasons and restrictions is provided in a separate Migratory Bird Brochure available in September.

Listed below are frequently requested rules for hunting migratory birds.

- Shotguns must be plugged so as to hold no more than 3 shells.
- Baiting is strictly prohibited.
- All hunting hours end at official sunset.
- The possession of lead shot is prohibited while waterfowl hunting.

- State and Federal Waterfowl stamps are required for hunting ducks, geese, coots and gallinules. (See exceptions in License section on page 11)

Refer to the Migratory Bird Brochure for complete information on particular species and other restrictions.

**Bird Dog Training** - Bird dogs may be trained year-round on private land. Trainers must have a valid hunting license and may only use firearms with blank ammunition during the closed season for quail. A Bird Dog Trainer's License is available to persons engaged in the business of training bird dogs in return for money, goods or services. This license allows a trainer and two assistants to take pen-raised quail during the closed season while training dogs. Applicants must provide documentation of land areas to be used for training. For information, or to obtain a license, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

**Calls, recorded or electronically amplified** - It is illegal to hunt, catch, take, kill or attempt to hunt, catch, take or kill any game bird or game animal with the aid of recorded calls or sounds or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of calls or sounds. Crows, coyotes or hogs are not game birds/animals and therefore can be hunted using electronic calls during daylight hours on private lands and WMA lands.

**Crossbows** - Crossbows, blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are prohibited on WMAs except as provided in WMA Regs, Weapons 3.2 on page 32. Crossbows may be used on private lands and WMA lands statewide during firearms and muzzleloader season only for deer and bear. Any person 62 years of age or older may use a crossbow to hunt during seasons when the use of archery & muzzleloaders are authorized for hunting. Crossbows are also legal for use statewide during any open season for deer (including archery only seasons), turkey, or bear by a person who suffers from an upper limb disability, provided the person while hunting, has in immediate possession a written statement certifying the disability. The statement, based on a physical examination by the certifying neurologist, orthopedist, or rheumatologist shall describe the disability and shall state the person is not capable of operating archery equipment or a bow and arrow. A copy of the statement must be provided to the department prior to hunting with a crossbow. Mail doctor's statements to: SCDNR, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202. (50-11-565)

**Deer Processors** - It is unlawful to keep any deer in cold storage or refrigerating plants unless the carcass is clearly marked with the hunter's name, address, and hunting license number (50-11-1700). This does not apply to storage at a private residence or to deer that have an Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program tag attached to the hamstring since the hunters name, address, and tag number appears on the face of the tag. Deer processors should recognize that it is unlawful



to sell deer meat to regain the processing fee for deer that have not been picked-up by the owner (50-11-1910). The best practice is to take a deposit for the processing service when deer are left at the facility. If meat is not picked-up by the owner it can be given to another individual at no charge.

**Field Trials** - It is unlawful to conduct or participate in any field trial unless a permit for such trial has been obtained from SCDNR. Requests for field trial permits must be submitted to SCDNR at least 14 days prior to the proposed trial date. Requests shall include payment of \$5 per trial and the time and location of the proposed trial. A charter or document indicating that the trial is sanctioned by a nationally recognized field trial organization must accompany all requests for field trial permits. For information, or to obtain a permit, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

**Hunting from Public Roads** - It is unlawful to hunt from a public road unless the hunter has permission to hunt the adjacent property. Hunting as used in this section includes possessing, carrying, or having readily accessible, a loaded centerfire rifle, or a shotgun loaded with shot size larger than number four. Loaded means a weapon within which any ammunition is contained. This does not include weapons contained in a closed compartment, closed vehicle trunk, or a vehicle traveling on a public road. A person convicted of unlawful road hunting forfeits hunting privileges for one year. See **WMA Regulations Page 32** for restrictions on WMA lands.

**Negligent Hunting** - It is unlawful to use a firearm or archery tackle while in preparation for, engaged in the act of, or returning from hunting in a criminally negligent manner. Criminal negligence is defined as the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

**Night** - Night is defined as that period of time between one hour after official sunset of a day and one hour before official sunrise of the following day. (50-11-710)

**Night Hunting** - Night hunting is unlawful except that raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, coyotes and skunk may be hunted at night; however, they may not be hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs. No buckshot or any shot larger than a No. 4, or any ammunition larger than 22 rimfire may be used. It is unlawful to use artificial lights at night, except vehicle headlights, while traveling in a normal manner on a public road or highway, while in possession of or with immediate access to both ammunition of a type prohibited for use at night and a firearm capable of firing the ammunition. (50-11-710). Rabbit hunting at night without weapons is lawful on private land.

**Rabbit Boxes** - It is unlawful for any person to trap rabbits, except that a landlord or tenant may use not more than five rabbit boxes on lands on which he has exclusive control during the gun season for rabbits. A hunting license is required to use rabbit boxes. Rabbit boxes are not permitted on WMA lands (50-11-160).

**Running Seasons (No gun season)** - During any period when rabbits, raccoons, opossums or fox may be hunted without firearms, it is illegal to hunt such game when carrying on ones person or in ones vehicle any firearm.

**Shining** - The use of artificial lights from any vehicle or water conveyance for the purpose of observing or harassing wildlife is unlawful after 11 p.m. Shining is unlawful at any time in Game Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10. (50-11-700)

**Selling Game Animals** - It is unlawful to sell, except by special permit, any protected wildlife. Furbearing animals may be sold with a valid commercial fur harvest license. Contact DNR for a copy of the commercial fur harvest regulations.

**Sunday Hunting** - Hunting is prohibited on Sundays on all WMA lands. On private lands statewide Sunday hunting for all game is legal except in Game Zones 1 and 2 turkey hunting is prohibited on Sundays and bear hunting is prohibited on Sundays in Game Zone 1.

**Transporting Firearms** - There are no SCDNR restrictions on transporting firearms by licensed hunters and fishermen in a vehicle to and from the place of hunting and fishing except on WMA lands. For regulations on WMA lands see Weapons 3.4 on page 32.

**Trapping** - Regulations are available in a separate brochure.

**Trespass** - It shall be unlawful to enter upon the lands of another for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping or retrieval of dogs without the consent of the landowner or manager.

## Rifle Ranges

SCDNR operates two rifle ranges that are open for use during certain hours which are subject to change according to time of year, hunting seasons, etc. To confirm hours of operation, call the SCDNR Greenville office at 864-288-1131.

**Pickens County Range** - From Easley, take SC Hwy. 8 approximately 4 miles towards Pickens. Turn left on Breazeale Road. Drive ½ mile beyond SC Dept. of Transportation Maintenance Shop and turn left on Porter Rd. Go approximately ½ mile, turn left at the red gate. The range is located at the end of the gravel road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm (EST) and 10 am - 6 pm (DST) Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Spartanburg County Range** - From Pauline, take SC Hwy. 215 approximately ½ mile east toward Glenn Springs. Turn left on Foster Mill Road and drive 2.5 miles (paved road becomes gravel road). Range is on the left side of the road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm EST and 10 am - 6 pm DST. Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Manchester State Forest Rifle Range:** (SC Forestry Commission, Sumter County) Open Saturday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm. \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per year. Hearing protection required. For more info call 803-494-8196.

## US Forest Service Rifle Ranges

**Cedar Creek Rifle Range** (Oconee Co.) Year round. Fully accessible to disabled visitors. Three of five shooting tables are under a shelter. For more info call 864-638-9568 or FAX 864-638-2659.

**Candy Branch Rifle Range** (Abbeville Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Five firing lines with left or right benches including one accessible to disabled visitors. For more info call 803-637-5396 or Fax 803-637-2273.

**Beaverdam Rifle Range** (Edgefield Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Eight open firing lines with left or right benches. For more info call 803-637-5396 or Fax 803-637-2273.

**Fairforest Rifle Range** (Union Co.), **Leeds Rifle Range** (Chester Co.), **Philson Crossroads Rifle Range** (Laurens Co.), **Indian Creek Rifle Range** (Newberry Co.) Year round, day use. All have six firing lanes, left and right benches are available, including one bench accessible to disabled visitors (except Leeds Rifle Range). For more info call 864-427-9858 or Fax 864-427-3529.

**Francis Marion Rifle Ranges:** Year round, daylight hours only. Shooting tables, including one fully-accessible to disabled visitors. For more info call Wambaw District at 843-887-3257 or Fax 843-887-3848 or Witherbee District at 843-336-3248 or Fax 843-336-4789.

## WMA Abuse

Any person who damages, destroys or misuses WMA lands or improvements on them including, but not limited to roads, vegetation, buildings, structures or fences, or leaves refuse, trash or other debris on the property, or sets, makes or builds a fire (except in an area specially designated as a campfire area), operates a motor conveyance on areas or roads closed to operation, target practices, camps in areas except for designated campsites, disregards safety or restrictive postings as designated by the landowner or who otherwise abuses, damages, destroys or misuses wildlife management areas is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined \$200 and be required to make restitution to the landowner in an amount determined by the court to be necessary to repair, rebuild, restore or clean up the property to its condition before the abuse occurred. A person who is convicted of damaging, destroying, abusing or misusing Wildlife Management Area land twice in a three-year period shall lose the privilege of entering WMA land for one year (50-11-2210).

Turkey Hunting regulations and seasons on private and WMA lands are published in the Turkey brochure available in March.

Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting regulations and seasons are published in the Migratory Bird brochure in mid-September.



# WMA Regulations

## WMA Public Drawing Hunts

The SCDNR offers a variety of WMA hunts through computerized drawings. Hunt fees range from \$10 to \$100 per hunter and must be submitted at the time of application. Applications for deer hunts are available in July, waterfowl and quail hunts in September, and youth/adult only turkey hunts in February. Deadlines to apply for draw hunts are generally mid-August (deer), mid-October for quail and waterfowl and early March for youth turkey hunts. Applications are available at SCDNR offices statewide (refer to directory on page 58) or write SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or visit our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.sc.us>.

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

On all DNR owned WMA lands the removal of artifacts or ecofacts (including arrowheads) from the surface or subsurface is prohibited except when approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and carried out in accordance with their guidelines.

See page 35 for regulations on private lands in Game Zones 1, 2 & 4.

Statutes 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210 authorizes the promulgation of WMA regulations. See specific game zones for seasons.

**2.1** Except as provided in these regulations, it is unlawful to hunt or take wildlife on areas designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands.

**2.2** Entry onto WMA land is done wholly and completely at the risk of the individual. Neither the landowner or the State of South Carolina nor the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources accepts any responsibility for acts, omissions, or activities or conditions on these lands which cause or may cause personal injury or property damage.

**2.3** Entry onto WMA land constitutes consent to an inspection and search of the person, game bag or creel.

**2.4** It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or take wildlife on WMA land unless an individual is in possession of a valid South Carolina license; a valid WMA permit; and other applicable federal or state permits, stamps, or licenses.

**2.5** No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.

**2.6** On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited.

As used in this section, "bait" or "baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait.

**2.7** On WMA lands construction or use of tree stands is prohibited if the tree stand is constructed by driving nails or other devices into trees or if wire is wrapped around trees. Other tree stands and temporary screw-in type climbing devices are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree.

**2.8** On WMA lands any hunter younger than sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) who is validly licensed and holds applicable permits, licenses or stamps for the use of WMA lands. Sight and voice contact must be maintained.

**2.9** Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special events on any day during the regular hunting season.

**2.10** No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto Department-owned WMA lands without approval from the Department.

**2.11** While hunting on Department-owned WMA's, no person may consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

### WEAPONS

**3.1** On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts. Small game hunters may possess or use shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 or .22 rimfire rifles/handguns or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are not permitted. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.). The use of crossbows during any archery only season is unlawful except as allowed by 50-11-565 (see page 30).

**3.2** For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge; ignition at the breech must be by the old type percussion cap which fits on a nipple or by flintstone striking frizzen or a "disk" type ignition system. The use of in-line muzzleloaders and muzzleloaders utilizing a shotgun primer including "disk" type ignition systems is permitted. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted. Crossbows may be used on WMA and private lands only during firearms and muzzleloader seasons for deer and bear. Use of crossbows during archery only seasons for deer requires special exemption (see page 30 Crossbows).

**3.3** On WMA lands, big game hunters are not allowed to use military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire. Buckshot is prohibited during still hunts for deer or hogs on the Santee Coastal Reserve, Bucksport, Pee Dee Station Site, Lewis Ocean Bay, Great Pee Dee, Crackerneck, Webb Center, Marsh Furniture, Manchester State Forest, Palachuocola, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Donnelley, Francis Marion, and Moultrie WMA lands.

**3.4** On DNR-owned WMA's during periods when hunting is permitted, all firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded. On the Francis Marion Hunt Unit during deer hunts with dogs, loaded shotguns may be transported in vehicles. Any shotgun, centerfire rifle or rimfire rifle or pistol with a shell in the chamber or magazine or muzzleloader with a cap on the nipple or flintlock with powder in the flash pan is considered loaded.

**3.5** No target practice is permitted on Department-owned WMA lands except in specifically designated areas.

**3.6** On WMA lands during still gun hunts for deer or hogs there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic. During any deer or hog hunt there shall be no shooting from, on or across any railroad right-of-way or designated recreational trail on U.S. Forest Service or S.C. Public Service Authority property.

### DEER

**NOTE:** *The regulations for hunting deer on private lands in Game Zones 1, 2, & 4 are contained on page 35 of the Brochure.*

**4.1** On WMA lands with designated check stations, all deer bagged must be checked at a check station. Deer bagged too late for reporting one day must be reported the following day. Unless otherwise specified by the department, only bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Male deer must have antlers visible two (2) inches above the hairline to be legally bagged on "bucks only" hunts. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline must be taken only on either-sex days or pursuant to permits issued by the department. A point is any projection at least one inch long and longer than wide at some location at least one inch from the tip of the projection. Antler spread is the greatest outside measurement (main beam or points) on a plane perpendicular to the skull. On WMA lands, man drives for deer are permitted between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. only, except that no man drives may be conducted on days designated by the department for taking deer of either sex. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from



carrying or using weapons. On WMA lands, in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4, man drives will be permitted on the last four (4) scheduled either-sex days. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving two (2) or more individuals whereby an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing, or moving such animals toward other hunters.

**4.2** Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows (*See Game Zone sections beginning on page 40 for specific dates*):

- Game Zone 1: The first two sets of Fridays and Saturdays in November.
- Game Zones 2 - 11: (except Dillon, Horry and Marlboro counties) Saturday after October 3; every Friday and/or Saturday from October 11 to Thanksgiving day inclusive; Saturdays in December beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving day; and the last day of the open season.
- Dillon, Horry and Marlboro counties: Saturday after October 3; beginning October 11, the next 2 Fridays and Saturdays, inclusive, and the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving.

## DOGS

**5.1** On all WMA lands, dogs may be used for small game hunting unless otherwise specified.

**5.2** On all WMA lands in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4, dogs may not be used for rabbit hunting during still gun hunts for deer. Dogs may be used from the close of the gun season for deer until the close of the rabbit season. Dogs may be trained for rabbit hunting from September 1 through September 30 (no guns).

**5.3** On WMA lands, dogs may be used for hunting foxes, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats or opossums only between thirty (30) minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise.

**5.4** The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA areas not located in Game Zones 1, 2, and 4. For the purposes of tracking a wounded deer, a hunter may use one dog which is kept on a leash.

**5.5** Dogs may be used to hunt bear on WMA lands in Game Zone 1 during the special bear season.

## VEHICLES

All terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not allowed on any heritage preserve.

**6.1** On all WMA lands, no hunter may shoot from a vehicle except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take game from any stationary motor driven land conveyance or trailer which is operated in compliance with these rules. For purposes of this regulation, paraplegic means an individual afflicted with paralysis in the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

**6.2** On Department-owned WMA lands, motor driven land conveyances must be operated only on designated roads or trails. Designated roads and trails on Forest Service lands are those designated with either a name and/or numbered sign. On Forest Service land ATV's can be used only on designated ATV or motorcycle trails. Unless otherwise specified, roads or trails which are closed by barricades and/or signs, either permanently or temporarily, are off limits to motor-driven land conveyances. **Enhanced Hunter Access:** In Central and Western Piedmont only hunters will be allowed to use "All Terrain Vehicles" (ATVs) behind gates on certain designated roads closed to regular vehicular traffic from September 15, 2004 through March 1, 2005 ONLY. Roads for this use will be indicated by a stenciled statement "ATV hunting Access Permitted - Primary Roads Only" on the cross piece of the gate. Hunters using ATVs are cautioned not to leave designated primary roads and to avoid damage to trees and highly erodible areas. Hunters are also encouraged to help clean up litter along these roads.

**6.3** It is unlawful to obstruct travel routes on Department-owned WMA lands.

## VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING

**7.1** On all WMA lands during any gun and muzzleloader hunting seasons for deer, bear and hogs, all hunters must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange, except hunters for dove, turkey and duck are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

## CAMPING

**8.1** Camping is not permitted on DNR-owned WMA lands except in designated camp sites.

## TRAPPING

**9.1** Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

## WATERFOWL & DOVE REGULATIONS

Dates, times, locations and regulations for hunts on designated Dove Management Areas (public dove fields) are printed annually. The Public Dove Field List is available August 2 by calling 803-734-3886.

Specific seasons, limits and regulations for waterfowl hunting are printed annually in the SC Migratory Bird Regulations available September 10th.

**10.1** Unless specially designated by the Department as a Wildlife Management Area for Waterfowl or a Wildlife Management Area for Dove, all Wildlife Management Areas are open during the regular season for hunting and taking of migratory birds except where restricted to special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird framework.

**10.2** The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits, and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. All State and Federal migratory bird laws and regulations apply. Regulations pertaining to the use of Dove Management Areas will be filed annually.

**10.3** On areas where blinds are not provided, only temporary blinds of native vegetation may be constructed, and once vacated become available for others.

**10.4** On Designated Waterfowl Areas, no species other than waterfowl may be taken during waterfowl hunts. On Designated Dove Management Areas no species other than doves may be taken during dove hunts. Only dove hunting is allowed at Lake Wallace WMA.

**10.5** No fishing is permitted in any Category 1 Designated Waterfowl Management Area during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

**10.6** The Clarks Hill Waterfowl area is closed to hunting except for waterfowl hunting and other special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

**10.7** Santee Cooper WMA is closed to hunting from October 20 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by the SCDNR.

**10.8** Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area is closed to hunting during the period 01 Nov.-01 Mar. except for special hunts designated by the Department.

**10.9** Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to hunting access during the period 01 Nov.-01 Feb. except for special hunts designated by the Department.

**10.10** Impoundments on Bear Island, Donnelly, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period 01 Nov.-20 Jan. except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period 21 Jan.-01 March is limited to designated areas.

**10.11** Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to all access one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31, except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. No fishing one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31. All hunters must enter and leave the Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area through the designated public landing on secondary road 260 and complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hour are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset (including the special youth hunt). Hunters may not enter the area prior to 3:00 a.m. on hunt days. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from secondary road 260.

**10.12** Hunters may not enter Hatchery WMA prior to 3 AM and must leave the area by 1 PM. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. Hunters must enter and leave Hatchery



WMA through the Hatchery Landing and accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptable prior to leaving the area. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15-Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

**10.14** The Francis Marion National Forest, Crackerneck WMA, Palachucola, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA and Webb Wildlife Center are open during special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird seasons; Fant's Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons.

**10.15** Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas include Beaverdam, Bonneau Ferry, Broad River, Clemson, Santee Cooper, Sandy Beach, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee-Delta, Tibwin, Bear Island, and Donnelley Wildlife Management Areas. Hunting in Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas is by special permit obtained through annual computer drawing.

**10.16** Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Wee Tee, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Oak Lea, Potato Creek Hatchery, Samson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, and Marsh Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

### DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS

Area	Open dates inclusive	Bag Limits
Biedler Impoundment (Sumter Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Bear Island (Colleton Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing during regular season.	Federal Limits
Beaverdam (Anderson Co.)	Hunters Selected by drawing during regular season.	Federal Limits
Bonneau Ferry (Berkeley Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Broad River (Fairfield Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Donnelley (Colleton Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Dunaway (Union Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Duncan Creek (Laurens Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Dungannon (Charleston Co.)	Wed. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Enoree River (Newberry Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Clemson (Anderson Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Hatchery (Berkeley Co.)	Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season.	Federal Limits
Hickory Top (Clarendon Co.)	Federal waterfowl seasons.	Federal Limits
Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir (Clarendon Co.)	Closed	
Lake Cunningham (Greenville Co)	Wed. AM only during during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Lancaster Reservoir	Mon. & Fri. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits

Marsh (Marion Co)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Monticello Reservoir (Fairfield Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Moultrie (Berkeley Co.)	Mon. through Sat. during regular season.	Federal Limits
Oak Lea WMA (Clarendon Co.)	Wed. AM only during regular season after Jan. 1.	Federal Limits
Parr Reservoir (Fairfield/Newberry Co.)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Potato Creek Hatchery (Clarendon Co.)	Wed. and Sat. only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Russell Creek (McCormick Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Samson Island Unit (Bear Island) (Colleton Co.)	Thurs. and Sat. am only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Samworth (Georgetown Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing	Federal Limits
Sandy Beach (Berkeley Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee Coastal Res. (Charleston/Georgetown Co.'s)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee Cooper (Orangeburg Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee-Delta (Georgetown Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing	Federal Limits
Tibwin	Special hunts by drawing.	Federal Limits
Turtle Island (Jasper Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Tyger River (Union Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits
Great Pee Dee (Darlington Co.)	Wednesdays during federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.	Federal Limits
Little Pee Dee River Complex	Wednesdays during Federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.	Federal Limits
Wee Tee	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits

**10.17** On Hickory Top WMA public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area(WMA) permit is allowed on all land and water below 76.8'. Waterfowl hunting at or above elevation 76.8' requires a WMA permit.

**10.18** Designated Dove Management Areas include all dove management areas as published by the Department in the annual listing of WMA public dove fields and are subject to regulations filed annually.

**10.19** Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir is closed to all public access November 1 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by SCDNR. All hunters must accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 11:00 am. Hunters may not enter the area prior to 5:00 am on hunt days. Each hunter is limited to 25 non-toxic shot shells per hunt and no buck shot is allowed. No hunting from roads or the dike system. Only electric motors on boats are allowed.

### AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

**11.1** Taking of any amphibian or reptile, except the bullfrog, is prohibited on any Department-owned Wildlife Management Areas without written permission of the Department.

## 123-52.DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS IN GAME ZONES 1, 2 AND 4 (50-11-310, 50-11-350, 50-11-390).

1. Seasons as filed and listed in this brochure.
2. Hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts.
3. For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge; ignition at the breech must be by the old type percussion cap which fits on a nipple or by flintstone striking frizzen or a "disk" type ignition system. The use of in-line muzzleloaders and muzzleloaders utilizing a shotgun primer including "disk" type ignition systems is permitted. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.
4. Hunters are not allowed to take deer with military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire.
5. It is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4.
6. On all private lands(in Game Zones 1,2,&4), baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. As used in this section, "bait" or baiting" means

the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait.

## 123-53. BEAR HUNTING RULES AND SEASONS (50-11-430)

1. The open season for taking by still hunting in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. 1 bear, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side.
2. The open season for taking bears with the aid of dogs by a party permitted by the Department in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> week in October. 3 bears per party, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side. Maximum party size is 25. Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.
3. All parties must register with SCDNR, 153 Hopewell Road, Pendleton, SC 29670 by September 15. All harvested bear must be reported to the Clemson Wildlife Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 19 within 24 hours of harvest.

# The Heritage Trust Program: Heritage Preserves

## The Heritage Trust Program

The Heritage Trust Program is part of the Wildlife Diversity Section of the SCDNR's Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. The Heritage Trust Program has acquired and manages 69 Heritage Preserves (HP) encompassing 81,131 acres statewide. Heritage Preserves are purchased and managed with money from the Heritage Land Trust Fund, which is supported by the Real Estate Documentary Stamp Tax. For every \$1,000 of real estate sold in South Carolina, the trust fund receives 20 cents.

Heritage Preserves protect cultural resources such as archaeological and historic sites, plus threatened species and ecosystems. Public recreation -- including boating, hiking, nature observation, photography, hunting or fishing -- is allowed on many preserves.

Twenty-four preserves (52,032 acres: 64 % of the total acreage in the Heritage Trust Program) are also Wildlife Management Areas and are therefore open to public hunting in accordance to certain guidelines. The remaining preserves are not hunted because of their small acreage, public safety factors, or other legal, security or biological factors.

Heritage Preserves are managed differently from other WMAs. For instance, agricultural plantings, food plots, bicolor lespedeza and other exotic species plantings, and certain other habitat management practices are not conducted on Heritage Preserves. Many roads are gated and open only for management or law enforcement purposes because Heritage Preserves contain unique, sensitive and rare elements vulnerable to vehicular and in-ordinate foot traffic, and because the Heritage Trust Act emphasizes "on-foot" access. All terrain vehicles are prohibited on all Heritage Preserves. Bag limits and season lengths on Heritage Preserves are set with the aim of restoring or maintaining ecological integrity, which consists of natural processes (such as human predation), natural structure, and native species composition. For example, many rare plant species are relished by white-tailed deer, so hunting regulations seek to reduce deer populations to a level the plants can tolerate. Hunting, besides being an important cultural and recreational activity, is an important management tool on and near certain heritage preserves.

The Heritage Trust Program has followed the lead of several other WMAs and prohibited hunting of fox squirrels.

Cultural resources are strictly protected on heritage preserves. All projectile points (e.g. arrowheads) are protected. It is illegal to take or otherwise disturb any cultural resource or to possess a metal detector on any Heritage Preserve.

All snakes (including venomous snakes) and other reptiles and

amphibians, as well as any non-game plant or animal are protected on all Heritage Preserves. It is illegal to harm or harass any of these animals or disturb plants.

## SCDNR Heritage Preserve Regulations

1. Visitation and use of Heritage Preserves are governed by regulations to promote public enjoyment of the land while preserving the features that make them special.
2. Heritage preserves are open for public use from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset unless otherwise posted or publicized. Exceptions may occur for a special hunting season or field trip, in designated camping areas, or for approved research or other projects.
3. Parking is allowed only for preserve visitors and only in designated areas (which may be parking lots and/or roadsides, depending on the preserve). Any other parking is prohibited. No vehicle shall block any road, regardless of whether the road is gated.
4. Collection, removal, or possession of, or damaging or destroying any nongame animal, plant, rock, fossil, artifact or ecofact, or the possession of a metal detector on a Heritage Preserve are all prohibited without written permission from the SCDNR.
5. No person shall abuse, damage, deface or destroy land, structures, signs or improvements on this preserve.
6. There shall be no placement of trash, debris, rubbish, waste, or chemicals on the preserve.
7. The consumption or display of any alcoholic beverage while operating or riding as a passenger in any vehicle and public drunkenness is not allowed. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by a person of lawful age only while camping at a designated campsite.
8. Camping and fires are not permitted unless areas have been designated or special written permission from SCDNR has been granted.
9. All terrain vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited on all Heritage Preserves.
10. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated roadways. Bicycles, horses and other conveyances are allowed only on designated trails of specified preserves.
11. Hunting is allowed only on designated preserves and only in accordance with Wildlife Management Area regulations.
12. Firearms are not allowed, except on heritage preserves designated as Wildlife Management Areas and then only in accordance with Wildlife Management Area regulations, or as otherwise provided by state law. Target and other practice shooting are prohibited.
13. No plants, animals or other organisms may be introduced on the property.

# Wildlife Management Areas

## WMA Program

Through the cooperative effort of private landowners, the U.S. Forest Service and the SCDNR, Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are provided for the enjoyment of all wildlife enthusiasts. Funds generated from the sale of WMA permits enables DNR to lease approximately 1.2 million acres of land for wildlife conservation and management.

Heritage Preserves are properties acquired by SCDNR for the primary purpose of protecting habitat for rare and endangered species. Some Heritage Preserves offer game hunting opportunities, and, therefore, are included in the WMA Program.

All persons using WMA lands are reminded that only U.S. Forest Service lands and those areas marked by WMA signs are open to the

public. Lands not posted with these signs are the property of private individuals, and landowner permission must be obtained.

General locations of the areas described below are shown on the map on pages 38 and 39. For detailed maps showing these and other WMA lands write WMA MAPS, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202 or call 803-734-3886.

## Wildlife Management Area Properties



WMA properties should be marked with these yellow and black signs.

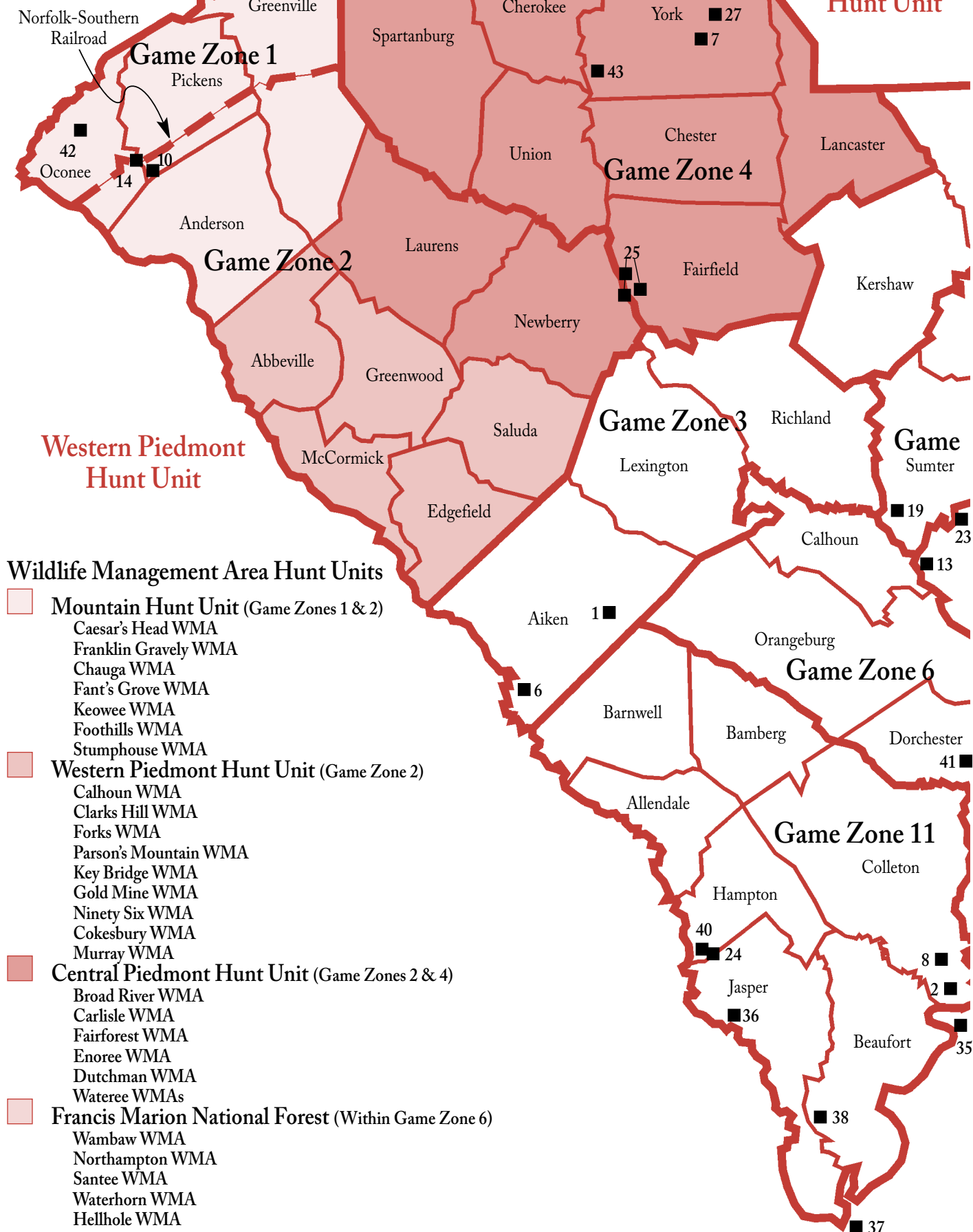
Open dates for each season are listed in the Hunt Seasons section beginning on page 40 of this book. Note: \* indicates SCDNR Property.

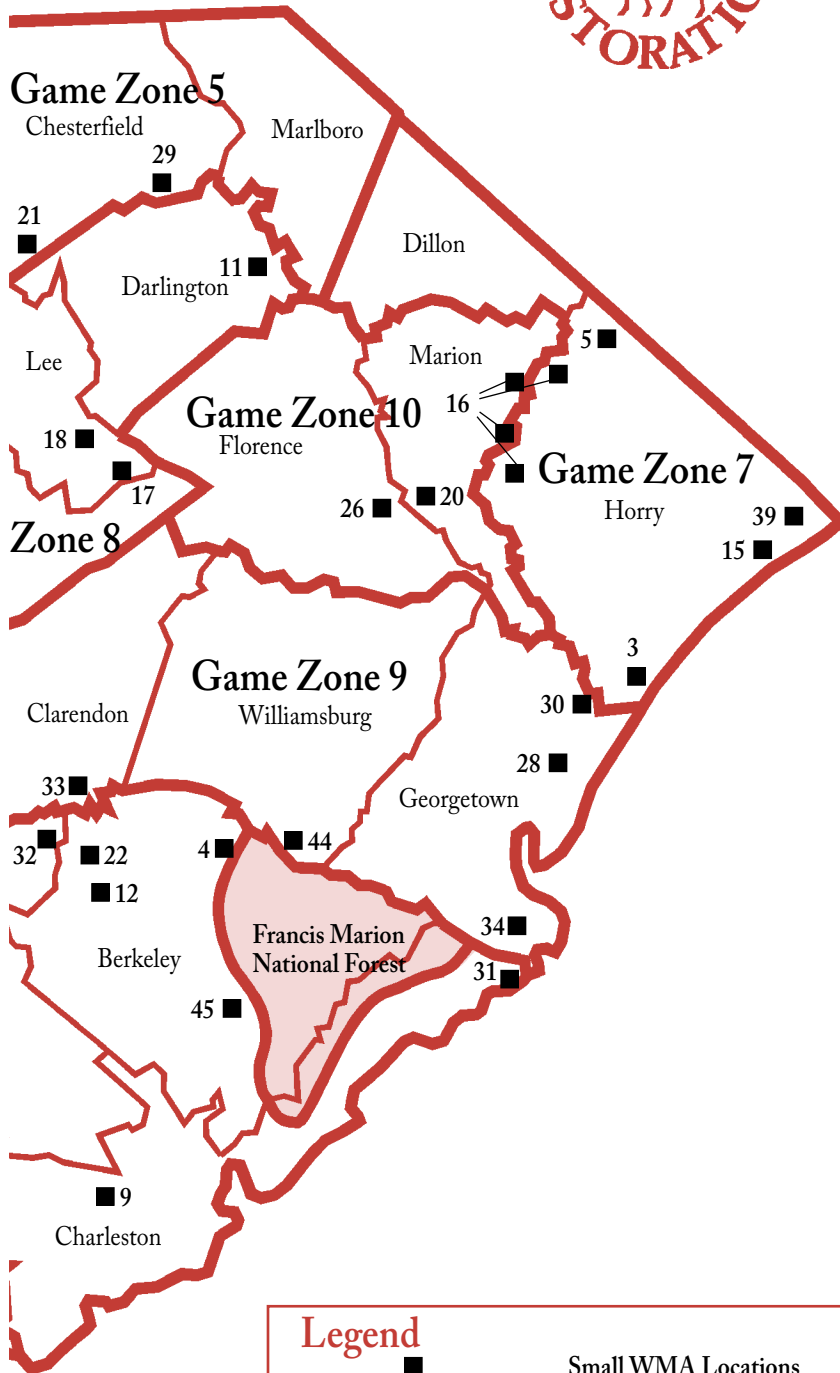
Wildlife Management Area	Acreage	County	Telephone	Hunting Opportunities Available											
				Deer	Hogs	Bear	Turkey	Dove	Waterfowl	Quail	Squirrel	Rabbit	Raccoon	Fox	
Bear Island*	12,021	Colleton	843-844-8957	x				x	x	x	x	x	x		
Bonneau Ferry*	10,700	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x			x		x	x	x	x	x		
Bucksport	7,661	Horry	843-546-9489	x			x				x		x		
Canal	2,491	Berkeley	843-825-3387					x		x					
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve*	568	Horry	843-546-9489	x			x			x		x	x		
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	183,706	Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, York	803-734-3886	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Crackerneck	10,470	Aiken	803-725-3663	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Donnelley*	8,048	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Draper*, McConnells*, Ross*	1,360	York	843-661-4768	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	
Dungannon Heritage Preserve*	643	Charleston	843-844-8957	x					x						
Edisto River*	1,375	Dorchester	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Francis Marion National Forest	250,000	Berkeley, Charleston	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve*	2,725	Darlington	843-661-4768	x	x		x		x		x		x		
Hatchery	2,400	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x					x						
Hickory Top	1,105	Clarendon	843-825-3387	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve*	9,393	Horry	843-546-9489	x			x			x	x	x	x	x	
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve* Complex	10,226	Horry, Marion	843-546-9489	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve*	843	Lee	843-661-4768	x						x	x	x			
Lynchburg Savannah Heritage Preserve*	291	Lee	843-661-4768							x		x			
Manchester State Forest	23,135	Sumter	803-734-3609	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Marsh Furniture	8,231	Marion	843-661-4768	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
McBee*, Angelus*, Crossroads*	1,194	Chesterfield	843-661-4768	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	
Moultrie	9,480	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Mountain Hunt Unit	169,542	Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Oak Lea WMA	2,000	Clarendon	843-825-3387	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Palachuola	6,757	Hampton, Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Parr Hydroelectric Project	4,400	Fairfield, Newberry	843-661-4768	x					x			x	x		
Pee Dee Station Site	2,701	Florence	843-661-4768	x			x			x	x	x	x	x	
Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve*	291	York	843-661-4768	x											
Samworth*	1,588	Georgetown	843-546-9489					x	x						
Sand Hills State Forest	46,000	Chesterfield, Darlington	843-661-4768	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Sandy Island	9,165	Georgetown	843-546-9489	x	x										
Santee Coastal*	24,000	Charleston, Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x		
Santee Cooper	3,144	Orangeburg	843-825-3387	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Santee Dam	575	Clarendon	803-825-3387	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	
Santee-Delta*	1,722	Georgetown	843-546-9489						x						
St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve*	10,302	Beaufort	843-844-8957	x					x						
Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve*	1,422	Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Turtle Island*	1,700	Jasper	803-625-3569						x						
Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve*	1,111	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve*	5,347	Horry	843-546-9489	x			x	x	x		x		x		
Webb*	5,866	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Wee Tee	12,439	Williamsburg, Georgetown	843-825-3327	x			x				x		x	x	
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	146,561	Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda	864-223-2731	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Worth Mountain	1,643	York	843-661-4768	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	



## Mountain Hunt Unit

## Central Piedmont Hunt Unit

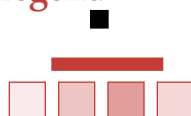




## Wildlife Management Areas

- 1) Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA
- 2) Bear Island WMA
- 3) Bucksport WMA
- 4) Canal WMA
- 5) Cartwheel Bay HP WMA
- 6) Crackerneck WMA
- 7) Draper WMA
- 8) Donnelley WMA
- 9) Dungannon HP WMA
- 10) Fant's Grove WMA
- 11) Great Pee Dee HP WMA
- 12) Hatchery WMA
- 13) Hickory Top WMA
- 14) Keowee WMA
- 15) Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA
- 16) Little Pee Dee River HP Complex including:  
Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP,  
Dargan HP, Ward HP, Upper Gunter's  
Island and Huggins Tract
- 17) Longleaf Pine HP WMA
- 18) Lynchburg Savannah HP-WMA
- 19) Manchester State Forest WMA
- 20) Marsh Furniture WMA
- 21) McBee WMA
- 22) Moultrie WMA including: Bluefield and  
Greenfield WMAs, Hall and Porcher  
WMAs, & North Dike WMA
- 23) Oak Lea WMA
- 24) Palachucola WMA
- 25) Parr Hydroelectric Project including:  
Broad River WMA, Parr Reservoir WMA,  
Monticello Reservoir WMA
- 26) Pee Dee Station Site WMA
- 27) Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA
- 28) Samworth WMA
- 29) Sand Hills State Forest WMA
- 30) Sandy Island WMA
- 31) Santee Coastal Reserve WMA
- 32) Santee Cooper WMA
- 33) Santee Dam WMA
- 34) Santee-Delta WMA
- 35) St. Helena Sound HP WMA: Otter, Ashe,  
Beet, Warren, Big & South Williman Is.
- 36) Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA
- 37) Turtle Island WMA
- 38) Victoria Bluff HP WMA
- 39) Waccamaw River HP WMA
- 40) Webb WMA
- 41) Edisto River WMA
- 42) Stumphouse WMA
- 43) Worth Mountain WMA
- 44) Wee Tee
- 45) Bonneau Ferry

## Legend



Small WMA Locations

Game Zone Boundaries

Hunt Unit Boundaries

WMA properties should be marked with these yellow and black signs.



A chart showing the acreage, county of location, telephone contact number, and hunting opportunities available for certain species is located on page 36.

A vast amount of WMA lands are located in the Mountain, Central and Western Piedmont Hunt Units. The areas on this map show the approximate locations for the major Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina. For detailed maps showing all WMAs contact your local DNR Wildlife Management Office (see page 58) or write: WMA MAPS, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202 (803)734-3886. Request by county of interest.

# Game Zone 1 Mountain Hunt Unit: Oconee, Pickens & Greenville counties north of Norfolk Southern Railroad ONLY

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices • Wildlife Management Office, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-1671

• Law Enforcement Offices, 150 Oak Grove Lake Rd, Greenville 864-288-1131, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-8266

Many WMA regulations for deer apply to both public and private lands in Game Zone 1. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section. See Regulation 123.52, pg. 35 for private land regulations for deer.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Gm Zone 1 but prohibited on WMA.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. Use is limited to 2 tags per person only in Game Zone 1. Use of tags does not change the type weapon allowed during specific seasons.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.
- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons. All limits apply.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2deer/either sex (page 57 for WMAs)

### Deer: Archery & Muzzleloaders on Private & WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total  
Oct. 1-10 Archery either sex  
muzzleloader buck only

### Deer: Archery only WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total  
either sex Dec. 23-Jan. 1

- No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Dec. 23-Jan. 1
- Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.

### Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total  
buck only Oct. 11-16, Oct. 31-Jan. 1  
either sex Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13

- No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Dec. 23-Jan. 1

### Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total  
buck only Oct. 11-16, Nov. 1-Dec. 22,  
either sex Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13

- No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Dec. 23-Jan. 1
- No deer hunting on Long Creek Tracts (Oconee Co.) on or after Thanksgiving Day.

### Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties

#### Archery: Keowee WMA

• Archers must obtain a Fant's Grove/Keowee WMA Archery permit through the Clemson DNR Office prior to hunting. Permits will be available beginning the first Monday in September and must be in the hunters possession while hunting during the archery only season.

Limit: 2 per day, 4 deer total (max 2 bucks)  
either sex Oct. 1-Dec. 22

### Special Area: Stumphouse WMA (Youth Area) Oconee county

- Game Zone 1 seasons, limits, rules and regulations apply except small game hunting only from Thanksgiving Day through March 1. In order to fish or hunt Stumphouse WMA each adult (21 or older) must have at least one youth 17 or under accompanying them. Senior Citizens over 65 years of age are exempted from accompanying a youth in order to fish. No motorized vehicles or horses allowed on property. Walk in use only.

### Special Area: Caesars Head/Jones Gap WMA Greenville Co. See Gm Zn. 1 WMA map for special restrictions

## Bear

- No Sunday hunting for bear.
- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson DNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 19.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

### Bear: Still Hunt (No dogs)

Oct. 18-23 1 bear, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs

### Bear: Party Dog Hunts

Oct. 25-30 3 bears per party, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs;  
• All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register with SCDNR at 153 Hopewell Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670 by Sept. 15.

Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

## Small Game

• Except during deer and bear seasons, it is unlawful to have in possession any firearm loaded with buckshot or larger shot or a rifle or ammunition of greater caliber than .22.

- Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only except during open seasons for deer and bear.
- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.
- No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer on WMA lands.

#### Dove:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27, Dec. 21-Jan. 15

#### Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 10 per day

Squirrel: Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)  
Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

## Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005  
guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private and WMA

Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party  
per night

Private land only

Mar. 2-Oct 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Sept. 1-Oct 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

## Fox:

Private land only

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only

Sept. 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Bobcat, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver:

- No buckshot or rifles greater than .22 rimfire may be used for beaver except during deer and bear season in Game Zone 1.

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

Grouse: Nov. 25-Mar. 1 3 per day

Crow: Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Special Area: Long Creek Tracts Oconee county

Small game only between Thanksgiving Day and March 1. Big game hunting allowed during WMA seasons before Thanksgiving Day.

### Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties

- Shotguns only north of Hwy. 123, west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell to the Old Clemson Seneca Hwy. Also west of Hwy 291, north and south of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell upstream from the Hwy. 291 bridge. All other areas archery only.

#### Quail: Keowee WMA

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day

#### Other Small Game: Keowee WMA

- Regular Zone 1 seasons & limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 1-Dec. 22.



# Game Zone 2 Anderson, Abbeville, Laurens, Newberry, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda & Edgefield counties and Oconee, Pickens & Greenville counties south of Norfolk Southern Railroad ONLY

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices • Wildlife Management Offices, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-1671, 2751 Hwy. 72 E., Abbeville 864-223-2731,  
• Law Enforcement Offices, 150 Oak Grove Lake Rd, Greenville 864-288-1131, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton 864-654-8266

Many WMA regulations for deer apply to both public and private lands in Game Zone 2. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section. See Regulation 123-52, pg. 35 for private land regulations for deer.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 2 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type weapon allowed during specific seasons.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.
- All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) will be allowed behind gates for hunting purposes only on roads marked with signs stating "ATV Hunting Access Permitted/Primary Roads Only" from Sept. 15, 2004- March 1, 2005.
- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2 deer/either sex  
See page 57 for WMAs.

### Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total  
either sex Sept. 15-30

### Deer: Archery on WMA Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total  
either-sex Sept. 15-30, Nov. 29-Dec. 11

### Deer: Muzzleloaders on Private & WMA

Limit: 2 deer total  
buck only Oct. 1-10  
either sex Oct. 9

- No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Nov. 29-Dec. 11
- Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.

### Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total  
buck only Oct. 11-Jan. 1  
either sex Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.

### Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total  
buck only Oct. 11-Nov. 27, Dec. 13-Jan. 1  
either sex Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6,

12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.

- No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Nov. 29-Dec. 11.

### Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties

#### Archery: Keowee WMA

- Archers must obtain a Fant's Grove/Keowee WMA Archery permit through the Clemson DNR Office prior to hunting. Permits will be available beginning the first Monday in September and must be in the hunters possession while hunting during the archery only season.

Limit: 2 per day, 4 deer total  
either sex Oct. 1-Dec. 22

- Total may not include more than 2 bucks

### Special Area: Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson counties

#### Archery: Fant's Grove WMA

- Archers must obtain a Fant's Grove/Keowee WMA Archery permit through the Clemson DNR Office prior to hunting. Permits will be available beginning the first Monday in September and must be in the hunters possession while hunting during the archery only season.

Limit: 2 per day, 4 deer total  
either sex Oct. 15-Dec. 7 (1 buck only)

- Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side.

#### Gun Hunts: Fant's Grove WMA

- 2 day gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Hunt Drawings on page 32.

## Small Game

- Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only on WMAs.

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

- No hog hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

- No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

#### Dove:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27, Dec. 21-Jan. 15

#### Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 10 per day

#### Squirrel: Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

## Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005  
guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

## Raccoon & Opossum:

Private and WMA

Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party  
per night

Private land only

Mar. 2-Oct. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Sept. 1-Oct. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

## Fox:

Private land only

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only

Sept. 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

## Bobcat, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

## Beaver:

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

## Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Special Area: Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens counties

- All Game Zone 2 sections of Keowee WMA, archery only.

#### Quail: Keowee WMA

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day

#### Other Small Game: Keowee WMA

- Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 1-Dec. 22.

### Special Area: Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson counties

- Regular Zone 2 seasons and limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts (Oct. 15-Dec. 6) and Special youth & quota hunts (Oct. 2, Dec. 9, 10, 13, 14, 16 & 17).

- Except dove hunting allowed on designated Dove Fields, waterfowl hunting allowed on Wed. and Sat. AM only during federal waterfowl season.

#### Quail: Fant's Grove WMA

Nov. 27-March 1 Wed. and Sat. Only

# Game Zone 3 Aiken, Lexington & Richland counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices • Wildlife Management Offices, P.O. Box 23, New Ellenton 803-725-3663, 1000 Assembly St., Columbia 803-734-3886  
• Law Enforcement Offices, 1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 3. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 3 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2 deer/either sex

See page 57 for WMAs.

### Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts Private and unnamed WMAs

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days

buck only Aug. 14-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.

• No hunting on WMAs before Sept. 1.

### Special Area: Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken Co.

#### Gun Hunts: Aiken Gopher Tortoise WMA

Limit: 1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1

• No buckshot or dogs allowed.

• During gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

### Special Area: Crackerneck WMA Aiken Co.

#### Archery: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs

either sex Oct. 1-2

#### Muzzleloader: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs

either sex Oct. 8-9

#### Gun Hunts: Crackerneck WMA

• Gun hunts on Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only during this period.

Limit: 2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks.

No limit on hogs

buck only Oct. 15-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 3-4

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
  - No buckshot or dogs allowed.
  - Scouting days (no firearms or archery equipment), on Saturdays only during Sept. and Mar. Gate opens at 6:00am and closes at 8:00pm.
  - On deer hunt days, gate opens as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov.-Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm. For party dog hunts for hogs in Jan. & Feb., gate will be open from 5:30am-7:00pm.
  - Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
  - Hogs may not be taken from Crackerneck WMA alive and hogs must be shown at check station gate.
  - No still hog hunting during party hunts with dogs or anytime except during deer hunts.
  - No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
  - All reptiles and amphibians are protected. No turtles, snakes, frogs, toads, salamanders, etc. can be captured, removed, killed or harassed.
- Hog Party Hunts: Crackerneck WMA**
- Limit: No limit. Handguns only.
- with dogs Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28  
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

## Small Game

• Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

### Dove:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27

Dec. 21-Jan. 15

### Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 15 per day

**Squirrel:** Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

### Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005 guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept, 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs No limit

WMA land Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only Mar. 16-Sept 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

### WMA land

Sept. 1-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Fox:

Private land only

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only

Sept. 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Bobcat, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver:

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

### Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Special Area: Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken Co.

Small Game except no Fox Squirrel hunting: Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 3 limits

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken.

• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

### Special Area: Crackerneck WMA Aiken Co.

Small Game except Bobcats, Foxes, Otters & Fox Squirrels: Crackerneck WMA

Fridays, Saturdays & Regular Zone  
Thanksgiving day only 3 limits  
from Oct. 15-Feb. 26

• All individuals must sign in and out at gate.

• Bobcats, foxes, otters & fox squirrels may not be hunted.

• During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov. -Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30am-7:00pm.

### Raccoon & Opossum: Crackerneck WMA

Limit: 3 raccoons per party per night. Opossum-no limit

Saturday nights only Oct. 16-Jan. 1

Friday & Sat. nights only Jan. 7-Feb. 26

• All individuals must sign in and out at gate.

• Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays - 1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays - 1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise.

# Game Zone 4 Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Spartanburg, Union & York counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices • Wildlife Management Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd., Florence, SC 29501 (843) 661-4768; 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton (864) 654-1671, • Law Enforcement Offices, 150 Oak Grove Lake Rd, Greenville (864) 288-1131, 153 Hopewell Rd, Pendleton (864) 654-8266,

Some WMA regulations for deer apply to both public and private lands in Game Zone 4. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section. See Regulation 123-52, pg. 35 for private land regulations for deer.

## Deer

• Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 4 but prohibited on all WMAs.

• Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type weapon allowed during specific seasons.

• Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.

• No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).

• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

• Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

• All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) will be allowed behind gates for hunting purposes only on roads marked with signs stating "ATV Hunting Access Permitted/Primary Roads Only" from Sept. 15, 2004- March 1, 2005

• Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).

• Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2 deer/either sex

See page 57 for WMAs.

### Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

either sex Sept. 15-30

### Deer: Archery on WMA Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

either sex Sept. 15-30, Nov. 29-Dec.11

### Deer: Muzzleloaders on Private & WMA

Limit: 2 deer total

buck only Oct. 1-10 (WMA Oct. 1-9)

either sex Oct. 9,

• No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Nov. 29-Dec. 11 • Muzzleloaders allowed for gun hunts.

### Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

buck only Oct. 11-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,

Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan 1

### Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

buck only Oct. 11-Nov. 27, Dec. 13-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,

Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan 1

• No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Nov. 29-Dec.11

### Special Area: Draper WMA York Co.

Deer: Game Zn 4 WMA Seasons & Limits

### Special Area: Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield Co.

#### Archery:

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

either sex Sept. 15-Oct. 30

### Special Area: Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA York Co.

#### Archery:

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total

either sex Sept. 15-30, Nov. 29-Jan. 1

### Special Area: Worth Mountain WMA York Co.

• Quality Deer Management Area - Antlered Bucks must have 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread.

Limit: Zone 4 seasons and limits apply.

## Small Game

• Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only on WMAs.

• No hog hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

• Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

• No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

#### Dove:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 7- Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27

Dec. 21-Jan. 15

#### Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 15 per day

Squirrel: Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

#### Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005 guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

#### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private and WMA

Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night

Private land only

Mar. 2-Oct 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Sept. 1-Oct 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

#### Fox:

Private land only

Aug. 16-Feb. 14 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only

Sept. 1-Feb. 14 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Feb. 15-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Feb. 15-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Bobcat, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

#### Beaver:

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

## Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Special Area: Draper WMA, York Co.

• Horseback riding is prohibited.

#### Dove:

• Special restrictions apply during all seasons and limited participation will apply opening day.

#### Quail:

Nov. 27, Dec. 11, 22, Jan. 5, 10 per day sunrise until 4:00 pm

#### Rabbit:

Dec. 1, 15, Jan. 8, 12, 15, 19, 3 per day 22, 26, 29

Feb. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26

### Small Game other than Dove, Quail & Rabbit:

• Regular Zone 4 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

### Special Area: Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield Co.

Raccoon, Squirrel, Rabbit & Quail:

Feb. 2-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 4 limits

### Special Area: Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve WMA, York Co.

• Small game hunting is not allowed.

### Special Area: Worth Mountain, York Co.

#### Small Game

Zone 4 seasons and limits



# Game Zone 5 Kershaw, Chesterfield & Marlboro counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices • Wildlife Management Office, 2007 Pisgah Rd., Florence 843-661-4768  
• Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 5. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 5 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2deer/each sex  
See page 57 for WMA's.

### Deer: Archery (Private Land only)

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.  
buck only Sept. 1-Sept. 14  
either sex Kershaw/Chesterfield cos.  
Sept. 15-Jan. 1  
buck only Marlboro Co.  
Sept. 1-Jan. 1  
either sex Marlboro Co.  
Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, Nov. 19-20

### Deer: Archery (Regular WMAs)

Limit: 2 per day, 3 bucks total; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days  
buck only Sept. 1-Sept. 14  
either sex Kershaw/Chesterfield cos.  
Sept. 15-Jan. 1  
buck only Marlboro Co.  
Sept. 1-Jan. 1  
either sex Marlboro Co.  
Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, Nov. 19-20

### Deer: Gun Hunts (Private Land only)

Limit: No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days  
buck only Sept. 15-Jan. 1  
either sex Kershaw/Chesterfield cos.  
Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,  
Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20,  
Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.  
either sex Marlboro Co.  
Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, Nov. 19-20

### Deer: Gun Hunts (Regular WMAs)

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks  
buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1  
either sex Kershaw/Chesterfield cos.  
Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,  
Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20,  
Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.  
either sex Marlboro Co.  
Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, Nov. 19-20

## Special Area: Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield Co.

- No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at Forest Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-498-6478.

### Archery: Sand Hills State Forest WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total  
either sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1

### Gun Hunts: Sand Hills State Forest WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks  
buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1  
either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,  
Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20,  
Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.

- Muzzleloaders may be used during all gun hunts.
- No buckshot allowed.
- Individual antlerless deer tags may be used on days not designated as either sex.
- No man drives allowed.

## Special Area: McBee WMA Chesterfield Co.

### Archery: McBee WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total  
either sex Sept. 15-Nov. 27

### Gun Hunts: McBee WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks  
buck only Oct. 1-Nov. 27  
either sex Oct. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,  
Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

- No dogs during gun hunts.

## Small Game

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

### Dove:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27  
Dec. 21-Jan. 15

### Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 10 per day

### Squirrel: Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

### Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005  
guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005  
Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private land  
Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per party  
(opossum-no limit) per night

WMA land  
Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party  
(opossum-no limit) per night

Private land only  
Mar. 16-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Fox:

Private land only  
Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only  
Sept. 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only  
Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land  
Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

## Bobcat, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver:

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

### Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

## Special Area: Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield Co.

### Small Game: Sand Hills State Forest WMA

- No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at Forest Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-498-6478.

- Regular Zone 5 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no daytime fox hunting allowed from Sept. 15-Jan. 1.

## Special Area: McBee WMA Chesterfield Co.

### Quail: McBee WMA

Hunts by drawing only. See page 24.

### Small Game other than Quail or Dove: McBee WMA

- Regular Zone 5 seasons & limits except no hunting before Jan. 10 or after Mar. 1.

# Game Zone 6 Calhoun, Orangeburg, Berkeley, Dorchester & Charleston counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices • Wildlife Management Offices, 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau 843-825-3387, 585 Donnelley Dr., Hwy 17, Green Pond, (843) 844-8957 • Law Enforcement Offices, 1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303, 217 Ft. Johnson Rd, Charleston 843-953-9307,

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 6. WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, see the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer

• Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 6 but prohibited on all WMAs.

• Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.

## Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts on Private Land

**Limit:** No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.

buck only Aug. 14-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,

Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.

## Special Area: Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley & Charleston counties

Tibwin special use area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for special hunts.

• During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

• No buckshot is allowed on still gun hunts.

• Shotguns and buckshot only during dog drive hunts.

• No more than 8 deer total may be taken during gun hunts.

## Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA only

**Limit:** 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit

either sex Sept. 15 - Oct. 2, Nov. 29-Dec. 11

## Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA only

**Limit:** 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit

either sex Oct. 11-16, Nov. 1-6,

(no dogs) Nov. 22-27, Dec. 13-18

## Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA only

**Limit:** 2 deer total

either sex Dec. 22

• No still hunting and no rifles.

• All deer must be checked at Hellhole check station.

## Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Northampton WMA only

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day

on either sex days, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 10-11, Oct. 1-2, Oct. 22-23,

Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-4, 24-25

either sex Oct. 2, Nov. 13

## Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Northampton WMA only

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1

(except during scheduled dog drive hunts)

## Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-

## Santee WMA only

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either sex days, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 17-18, Oct. 8-9, 29-30,

Nov. 19-20, Dec. 10-11; Dec. 31-Jan. 1

either sex Oct. 2 Nov. 13

• **Still**

**Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-**

## Santee WMA only

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1

(except during scheduled dog drive hunts)

## Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-

## Wambaw WMA only

## Seewee special use area (no dogs)

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day

on either sex days

buck only Sept. 1 - Sept. 14

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1

## Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-

## Wambaw WMA only

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day

on either sex days, hogs-no limit

buck only Aug. 20-21, Sept. 3-4, 24-25,

Oct. 15-16, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 17-18.

either sex Oct. 2, Nov. 13

• Still gun hunts only east of Hwy. 17. Rifles

allowed.

## Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-

## Wambaw WMA only

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day, hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1

(except during scheduled dog drive hunts)

• Rifles are allowed on still gun hunts.

## Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-

## Waterhorn WMA only

**Limit:** 2 deer/day, hogs-no limit

either sex Oct. 1-9

## Archery & Muzzleloader: Francis Marion

## Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA only

**Limit:** 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit

either sex Oct. 25-Nov. 6

## Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-

## Waterhorn WMA only

**Limit:** 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day

on either sex days, hogs-no limit

buck only Aug. 20-21, Sept. 3-4,

Sept. 13-18, Nov. 15-20

either sex Dec. 6-11, Dec. 27-Jan. 1

• During deer hunts, entrance gates will be closed except Elmwood Wildlife Station off Hwy 17 and Mill Branch Rd. off Hwy 45.

## Hog Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-

## Waterhorn WMA only

Saturdays only in Feb.

• No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

No still or stalk hunting permitted. 1 shotgun

per party (buckshot only). Sidearms permitted.

Hog hunters must have a hunting license, WMA

permit, and are required to wear international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs taken must be brought to the check station and a data card completed.

• Hog hunters must sign a register at Elmwood Check Station upon entering and leaving Waterhorn WMA.

## Special Area: Hatchery WMA

## Berkeley Co.

## Archery: Hatchery WMA

**Limit:** 2 deer per day (8 deer total)

buck only Sept. 1-14

either sex Sept. 15-Nov. 13

• Hatchery is closed to fishing each Saturday morning during waterfowl season and all day the last Saturday of waterfowl season.

## Special Area: Bonneau Ferry WMA

## Berkeley Co.

## Adult/Youth only (Area A)

• Adult/Youth side open only to youth who must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age. Youth hunters and adults must carry a firearm and hunt.

**Limit:** 2 deer per day

either sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 Wed., Fri., Sat.

only except Nov. 22-27, Dec. 20-Jan. 1

## Archery: Bonneau Ferry WMA (Area B)

buck only Sept. 6-11

either sex Sept. 20-25

Still Gun Hunts: No open season except for hunters selected by computer drawing.

## Special Area: Santee Coastal WMA

## Charleston Co.

## Archery: Santee Coastal WMA

**Limit:** 2 deer total, either sex for entire

12 days. Hogs-no limit.

either sex Nov. 8-13, 22-27

• Hunting is allowed on the mainland only at Santee Coastal WMA.

• No possession of handguns or sidearms during archery only hunts.

## Hog Hunts with dogs: Santee Coastal Reserve

• Feb. 3-4. No limit, hand guns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. Hogs may not be taken from Santee Coastal Reserve alive. All hogs must be checked at check station. Hog hunters must wear international orange.

## Special Area: Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA Charleston Co.

## Archery: Dungannon WMA (no dogs)

either sex Oct. 15-Dec. 1 2 deer per day

## Special Area: Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley Co.

• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Moultrie Hunt Unit during gun hunts.

## Gun Hunts: North Dike WMA

(no buckshot/no dogs)

**Limit:** 2 deer per day

buck only Aug. 20-Oct. 30  
either sex Oct. 1-30  
• Individual antlerless tags: valid on days not designated as either sex after Sept. 15.

**Archery: Hall WMA** *except Cross Station Special Use Area* (no dogs)

buck only Sept. 1-14 2 bucks per day  
either sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

**Gun Hunts: Greenfield WMA** (no buckshot)

buck only Nov. 1-Jan. 1 2 per day  
either sex Nov. 4-6, Dec. 27-Jan. 1 2 per day

**Gun Hunts: Bluefield WMA** (no buckshot)

buck only Aug. 18-Sept. 14 2 deer per day  
(Wed. & Sat. only)  
either sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

• Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters and adults must carry a firearm and hunt.

**Archery: Porcher WMA** (no dogs)

buck only Sept. 1-14 2 deer per day  
either sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

**Cross Station** - Designated youth and women draw deer hunts only.

**Special Area: Santee Cooper WMA**  
**Orangeburg Co.**

• Quality Deer Management Area - bucks must have 4 or more points on one side or be spikes with 2 points (see Regulation 4.1). No scouting Oct. 20-Nov. 1. Area is open for camping at 5 p.m. Oct. 31. Total 8 deer per season.

**Archery: Santee Cooper WMA**

either sex Oct. 4-16 4 deer total  
Nov. 1-6 4 deer total

**Muzzleloader: Santee Cooper WMA**

either sex Oct. 11-16, 4 deer total  
Nov. 1-6 4 deer total

**Gun Hunts: Santee Cooper WMA**

• Gun Hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings, page 32.

**Special Area: Edisto River WMA**  
**Dorchester Co.**

• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Edisto River WMA for the season.

**Archery: Edisto River WMA**

either sex Sept. 15-30 1 deer/day;  
hogs no limit

**Muzzleloader: Edisto River WMA**

either sex Oct. 4-16 1 deer/day;  
hogs no limit

**Still Gun Hunts: Edisto River WMA**

buck only Oct. 18- Nov. 20 1 deer/day;  
hogs no limit  
either sex Nov. 5-6, 1 deer/day;  
Nov. 12-13 hogs no limit  
Nov. 19-20

**Small Game**

• Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

**Dove:**

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27, Dec. 21-Jan. 15

**Quail:**

Nov. 22-Mar. 1 (WMA)  
Nov. 22-Mar. 5 (private) 15 per day

**Squirrel:** Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

**Rabbit:**

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005  
guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

**Raccoon & Opossum:**

Private land

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs No limit

WMA land

Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Mar. 16-Sept 14 Running season-dogs, no  
guns

WMA land

Sept. 1-Sept 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

**Fox:** Private land only

Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only

Sept. 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

**Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk,**

**Otter, Weasel:**

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

**Beaver:** Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

**Crow:** Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

**Special Area: Bonneau Ferry WMA**  
**Berkeley Co.**

Jan. 3 - March 1.

• Game Zone 6 limits (except no quail hunting). No fox or fox squirrel hunting. Dogs during gun season only.

**Adult/ Youth only Area A**

• Adult/Youth side open only to youth who must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age. Youth hunters and adults must carry a firearm and hunt.

**Area B**

Jan 3-March 1

**Special Area: Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley & Charleston counties**

**Small Game: Francis Marion Hunt Unit**

• Game Zone 6 seasons **except** quail limit 8/day and no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.  
• Dogs are allowed during small game gun season only.

• Closed during scheduled deer and hog hunting periods on Waterhorn and Hellhole and when dogs are used on Wambaw, Northampton and Santee WMAs.

• No fox hunting is allowed in the Francis

Marion Hunt Unit.

**Special Area: Moultrie Hunt Unit**  
**Berkeley Co.**

(No open season on fox squirrels. Quail/8 per day)

**Small Game: Porcher WMA**

Jan. 3 - March 1.

**Greenfield WMA**

Sept. 1 - March 1.

**Bluefield WMA - (Adult/Youth Area only)**

Jan. 3 - March 1

• Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger who must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters and adults must carry a firearm and hunt.

• No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

**Small Game: North Dike WMA**

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as Game Zone 6 **except** quail 8/day. No hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

• Closed to small game hunting Wed. and Fri. during Nov.-Dec. Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for Raccoon hunting Feb. 1-March 1.

**Small Game: Hall WMA**

• Closed to small game hunting.

**Special Area: Santee Cooper WMA**  
**Orangeburg Co.**

**Dove: Santee Cooper WMA**

• Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in August.

**Small Game other than Dove: Santee Cooper WMA**

Jan. 31-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits  
Quail 8/day (East of Ferguson Landing Road only); except raccoon each Sat. on entire area

**Special Area: Canal WMA**  
**Berkeley Co.**

**Dove: Canal WMA**

• Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in August.

**Quail only: Canal WMA**

Nov. 24, Dec. 8, 22, Limit 8/day  
Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2, 16

• Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points. Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.

**Special Area: Edisto River WMA**  
**Dorchester Co.**

**Small Game: Edisto River WMA**

• Nov. 22 - Mar. 1 with game zone 6 bag limits **except**, quail - 8 per day.

**Special Area: Santee Coastal Reserve WMA**  
**Charleston Co.**

**Quail: Santee Coastal Reserve WMA**

Jan. 26-Feb. 9 Regular Zone 6 limits  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

**Other Small Game except Fox Squirrels: Santee Coastal Reserve WMA**

Jan. 26-Feb. 12 Regular Zone 6 limits  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted.

**Raccoons & Opossums: Santee Coastal Reserve WMA**

Jan. 25-Feb. 25 Regular Zone 6 limits  
(Tues. & Fri. nights only)



# Game Zone 7 Dillon & Horry counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices: • Wildlife Management Office, 2007 Pisgah Rd. Florence (843) 661-4768  
• Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 7. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 7 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken by an individual on private and public lands during all seasons, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2 deer/either sex

See page 57 for WMA's.

### Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 deer per day on either sex days

buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1  
either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, Nov. 19-20

- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).

### Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 deer per day on either sex days

buck only Sept. 15 - Jan. 1  
either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, Nov. 19-20

## Special Area: Bucksport WMA Horry Co.

- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

### Archery: Bucksport WMA

buck only Sept. 15-25 1 deer per day  
either sex Oct. 11-16 1 deer per day

### Archery & Muzzleloader: Bucksport WMA

buck only Oct. 25-Nov. 20 1 buck per day

### Gun Hunts: Bucksport WMA

buck only Nov. 22-Dec. 4 1 buck per day

## Special Area: Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Cartwheel Bay HP WMA.

### Archery: Cartwheel Bay HP WMA

buck only Sept. 15-Oct. 2 1 deer per day  
either sex Oct. 11-Nov. 6 1 deer per day

## Special Area: Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA.

- No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Horseback riding is prohibited during all deer hunts.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

### Archery: Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

either sex Sept. 20-25 1 deer per day  
Oct. 4-23

### Archery & Muzzleloader: Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

either sex Oct 25- 30, 1 deer per day  
Nov. 8-13

## Gun Hunts: Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

buck only Nov. 29-Dec. 4 1 buck per day  
Dec. 13-18

## Special Area: Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve (HP) River Complex Horry & Marion counties

Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunter's Island and Huggins tracts in Horry Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- Wild hogs may only be taken during deer hunts and designated hog hunts, catch or bay dogs, buckshot and rimfire firearms are prohibited. No limit on hogs.

### Archery: Little Pee Dee River Complex

buck only Sept. 15-25 1 buck per day  
either sex Oct. 1-16 1 deer per day

### Archery & Muzzleloader: Little Pee Dee River Complex

buck only Oct. 25- 30 1 buck per day  
either sex Nov. 1-6 1 deer per day

### Gun Hunts: Little Pee Dee River Complex

buck only Nov. 8-Nov. 27 1 buck per day

### Special Hog Still Gun Hunt: Little Pee Dee River Complex

March 1-19  
hogs only No limit  
no dogs, no buckshot



## Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Application

See pages 29 -30 for information

Make check payable to SCDNR

Mail to: Deer Tags, SCDNR,

PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211

<b>Applicant's Social Security</b>		<b>Applicant's Name</b>					
# _____ - _____ - _____		_____/_____/_____ Last First MI Sex Race Date of Birth					
<b>Applicant's Address</b>							<b>County of Residence</b>
Street or Box # _____		City _____		State _____		Zip _____	
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>Number of Tags Requested</b>		<b>Amount of Money Enclosed</b>			
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I understand that persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply for, hold, or use SCDNR licenses, permits, stamps, or tags.

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## Special Area: Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Waccamaw River HP WMA.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

### Archery: Waccamaw River HP WMA

either sex Oct. 11-23 1 deer per day

### Archery & Muzzleloader: Waccamaw River HP WMA

either sex Oct. 25-Nov. 6 1 deer per day

### Gun Hunts: Waccamaw River HP WMA

buck only Nov. 8-27 1 buck per day

## Small Game

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

### Dove:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27  
Dec. 21-Jan. 15

### Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 10 per day

**Squirrel:** Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

### Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005  
guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005  
Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30  
Running season-dogs, no guns

### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private land  
Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs No limit

WMA land  
Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only  
Mar. 16-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Fox:

Private land only  
Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only  
Sept. 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only  
Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land  
Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Bobcat, Skunk, Weasel:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

### Otter, Mink, Muskrat:

Sept. 15-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver:

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

### Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

## Special Area: Bucksport WMA Horry Co.

- No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

### Bucksport HP WMA

Dec. 6-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits

- \* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

### Raccoons: Bucksport HP WMA

Dec. 1-Feb. 23 3 per party per night  
(Wed. nights only)

## Special Area: Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry Co.

### Small Game: Cartwheel Bay HP WMA

Nov. 8-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits  
\* No fox squirrel hunting

## Special Area: Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry Co.

- No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.

### Small Game: Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA

Jan. 1-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits

- \* No fox squirrel hunting

## Special Area: Little Pee Dee River Heritage Preserve Complex Horry & Marion counties

Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunters Island and Huggins tracts in Horry Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

### No Fox squirrel hunting.

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits

## Special Area: Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry Co.

### Dove: Waccamaw River HP WMA

- Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits are published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

### Gray Squirrels & Woodcock\* only:

### No Fox squirrel hunting.

### Waccamaw River HP WMA

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 7 limits

- \* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

### Raccoons: Waccamaw River HP WMA

Dec. 1-Feb. 23 3 per party per night  
(Wed. nights only)



## Thanks to Landowners

Landowners providing their land for public hunting and recreation are due much appreciation from SCDNR and all outdoor enthusiasts. Without these lands, public hunting as provided in this state would be impossible.

Sportsmen seeing the yellow and black diamond-shaped signs designating WMA boundaries should remember they are hunting as guests of the landowner and be respectful of this privilege.

U. S. Forest Service.....	617,971	TIAA Timberlands II.....	3,893	Carolina Power & Light.....	1,036
SC Department of Natural Res.....	133,660	S.C. Electric & Gas Company.....	5,753	Elizabeth and Thaddeus Thomas.....	594
SC Forestry Commission.....	73,821	Timber-Lands L. P.....	5,000	Lavinia B. George.....	569
Crescent Resources.....	19,410	Wachovia (Bowater T4,LLC).....	3,699	Kennecott Mine.....	290
SC Public Service Authority (Santee).....	22,371	American Timberland II.....	3,056	City of Clinton.....	276
Department of Transportation.....	18,538	Corps of Engineers (Donnelley).....	3,408	Dorothy Beaty.....	209
Willamette Industries, Inc (A Weyerhaeuser Co.)	12,189	Georgia Power Company.....	3,336	Gary Wood.....	200
Clemson University.....	11,265	Wachovia Bank (Brown Trust).....	3,252	Lanny R. Gregory.....	150
Sustainable Forest LLC (IP).....	22,642	Pru Timber Fund 1, 4, & 5.....	1,765	James M. & Jack L. Brown.....	135
Department of Energy.....	10,470	SC Public Ser. Auth. (Pee Dee).....	2,659	Commission of Public Works (Greer).....	100
Marsh Furniture Company.....	8,538	Corps of Engineers (Santee).....	2,465	William & Joab Lesesne.....	92
Corps of Engineers (Thurmond Res.).....	7,988	Sustainable Forest L.L.C. (IP/MA).....	1,764	City of Walhalla.....	439
SCPRT.....	7,571	Knightwood.....	1,698	Bobby Gregory.....	100
Great Eastern Timber Co.....	5,641	Springland, Inc.....	1,695		
Corps of Engineers (Palachucola).....	6,757	SC Conf. Bd. of Camps & Retreats.....	800	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,060,891</b>

# Game Zone 8 Sumter, Lee & Darlington counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices • Wildlife Management Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4768, 420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown 843-546-9489,  
• Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766, 1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 8. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 8 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken by an individual on private and public lands during all seasons, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2 deer/either sex  
See page 57 for WMAs.

### Deer: Archery on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex day  
buck only Aug. 14-Dec. 14  
either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 15-Jan. 1.

### Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

Limit: 5 bucks total, 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex day  
buck only Sept. 1-Jan. 1  
either sex Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.

### Special Area: Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA Darlington Co.

• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Great Pee Dee HP WMA.

- For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset. All individuals are required to sign in and out at the entrance. Gates may be locked in wet weather.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt hogs.
- Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts.

#### Archery: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

either sex Oct. 4-16 1 deer per day  
Hogs-no limit

#### Archery & Muzzleloader: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

either sex Oct. 25-Oct. 30 1 deer per day  
Hogs-no limit

#### Gun Hunts: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

buck only Nov. 1-6 1 buck per day  
Hogs-no limit

#### Special Still Gun Hog Hunt: Great Pee Dee HP WMA

Dec. 6-25, Feb. 7-19  
Hogs only. No limit

### Special Area: Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA Lee Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Longleaf Pine HP WMA.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

#### Archery: Longleaf Pine HP WMA

either sex Sept. 15-Oct. 2 1 deer per day

### Archery & Muzzleloader: Longleaf Pine HP WMA

either sex Oct. 11-30 1 deer per day

#### Gun Hunts: Longleaf Pine HP WMA

buck only Nov. 1-20 1 buck per day  
either sex Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 1 deer per day

### Special Area: Manchester State Forest (MSF) WMA Sumter Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Manchester State Forest WMA.
- Dog hunt clubs by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.
- No buckshot allowed during gun hunts.
- No man-drives during either sex hunts.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.
- No deer hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Hunting is prohibited within 300 yards of a residence.
- Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts. All hunters are reminded that the Palmetto Trail may be in use by nonhunters.
- Deer must be checked at Battens or Shop And Go.
- Some gates may be locked due to wet roads.

#### Archery: Manchester State Forest WMA

either sex Sept. 20-25 1 deer per day

#### Archery & Muzzleloader: Manchester State Forest WMA

buck only Sept. 27-Oct. 2 1 buck per day  
either sex Oct. 1 only 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day

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**Gun Hunts: Manchester State Forest WMA**

<b>Limit:</b>	1 buck per day; 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.
<b>buck only</b>	Oct. 4-16, 19-22, 26-28, Nov. 2-4, 9-13, 16-18, 22-27
<b>either sex</b>	Oct. 7-9, 14-16, Nov. 4, 12-13, 26-27

**Special Hog-Still Gun Hunt: MSF**

<b>Hogs only</b>	Jan. 3-29	No limit, No dogs.
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**Special Hog-With Dogs: MSF**

<b>Hogs only</b>	Feb. 7-26	No limit handguns only.
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- Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs per party. No live hogs to be removed from Manchester State Forest.

**Other WMAs in Sumter, Lee & Darlington counties****Archery: Other WMA's****Sept. 1-Jan. 1 Buck only****Gun Hunts: Other WMAs**

<b>Limit:</b>	5 bucks total; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.
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<b>buck only</b>	Sept. 15-Jan. 1
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<b>either sex</b>	Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.
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**Small Game**

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

**Dove:**

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only)	12 per day
Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27	
Dec. 21-Jan. 15	

**Quail:**

Nov. 25-Mar. 1	12 per day
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**Squirrel:** Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1-Mar. 1	guns & dogs	10 per day
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**Rabbit:**

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005	guns & dogs	5 per day
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Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 23, 2005	Running season-dogs, no guns
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WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

**Raccoon & Opossum:**

Private land		
Sept. 15-Mar. 15	guns & dogs	3 per party
opossum-no limit		per night

WMA land		
Sept. 15-Mar. 1	guns & dogs	3 per party
opossum-no limit		per night

Private land only

Mar. 16-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land	
Sept. 1-Sept. 14	Running season-dogs, no guns

**Fox:**

Private land only		
Aug. 16-Jan. 1	guns & dogs	No limit

WMA only		
Sept. 1-Jan. 1	guns & dogs	No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land	
Jan. 2-Mar. 1	Running season-dogs, no guns

**Bobcat, Mink Muskrat, Skunk, Otter, Weasel:**

Nov. 25-Mar. 1	No limit
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**Beaver:**

Private land	no closed season
WMA land	Sept. 1-Mar. 1

**Crow:**

Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
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**Special Area: Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA Darlington Co.****Gray Squirrels & Woodcock\* only: Great Pee Dee HP WMA**

- Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 8 limits
- No fox squirrel hunting.
- \* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

**Raccoons: Great Pee Dee HP WMA**

Nov. 27-Feb. 26	3 per party
(Wed. & Sat. nights only)	per night

**Special Area: Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA Lee Co.**

- No fox squirrel hunting.

**Small Game: Longleaf Pine HP WMA**

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 8 limits

**Special Area: Lynchburg Savannah Heritage Preserve WMA Lee Co.****Small Game: Lynchburg Savannah HP WMA**

- Private land seasons and limits apply to this area **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

- No fox squirrel hunting.

**Special Area: Manchester State Forest WMA Sumter Co.**

- Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.

- All hunters except dove, duck and turkey hunters are required to wear hunter orange coat, vest, or hat.

- Gates may be locked due to wet road conditions.

**Dove: Manchester State Forest WMA**

Sept. 4-Oct. 9	12 per day
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(Wed. &amp; Sat. afternoons only)

(Designated fields only)

Nov. 22-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 15

(Mon. thru Sat. only) (General forest)

**Quail: Manchester State Forest WMA (except Bland Tract)**

Nov. 25-March 1	12 per day
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**Quail Hunting: Bland Tract**

- Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points. Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.

Dec. 1, 18, Game Zone 8 Limits

Jan. 5, 22, Feb. 2, 19

**Squirrel: Manchester State Forest WMA**

Nov. 25-Mar. 1	10 per day
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**Rabbit: Manchester State Forest WMA**

Nov. 25-Mar. 1	5 per day
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**Raccoon: Manchester State Forest WMA**

Nov. 25-Mar. 12	3 per party per night
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**Fox: Manchester State Forest WMA**

Nov. 25-Mar. 12	No limit during gun season
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**Other WMAs in Sumter, Lee & Darlington counties****Small Game: Other WMAs**

- Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

# Game Zone 9 Clarendon, Williamsburg & Georgetown counties

**Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.****SCDNR offices:** • Wildlife Management Offices, 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau 843-825-3387, 2007 Pisgah Rd,

Florence 843-661-4768, 420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown 843-546-9489,

• Law Enforcement Offices, 1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 9. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

**Deer**

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 9 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.

**Deer: Archery on Private Land**

<b>Limit:</b>	No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
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<b>buck only</b>	Aug. 14-Dec. 14
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<b>either sex</b>	Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 15-Jan. 1.
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**Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land**

<b>Limit:</b>	No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
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<b>buck only</b>	Sept. 1-Jan. 1
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<b>either sex</b>	Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.
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## Game Zone 9 Clarendon, Williamsburg & Georgetown counties continued.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 8

Limit: 2 deer/either sex  
See page 57 for WMA's.

### Special Area: Sandy Island WMA Georgetown Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total (1 buck) from Sandy Island WMA.
- A free permit is required for Sandy Island WMA. Available at Samworth WMA and Conway DNR offices.
- Firearms and vehicles are prohibited.
- No small game hunting is allowed.

### Archery: Sandy Island WMA

either sex Oct. 1-Nov. 30 1 deer per day  
Hogs, coyotes  
no limit

### Special Area: Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Hickory Top WMA.

### Archery: Hickory Top WMA

buck only Sept. 1-14 2 bucks per day  
either sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

Muzzleloader: Hickory Top WMA (no dogs)  
either sex Nov. 1-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

### Special Area: Oak Lea WMA Clarendon Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 10 deer total from Oak Lea WMA.

### Archery: Oak Lea WMA

either sex Sept. 15-30 2 deer per day

### \*Still gun hunts: Oak Lea WMA

Party hunts 3 deer per day  
1 buck/day  
20 per hunt

Hunters selected by drawing  
\*Still Gun Hunters are selected by public drawing. Parties of 8-10 (8 min./10 max.). Parties may hunt for 1 week (Mon.-Sat.). Hunt periods will be approximately every other week (Oct. 1-Jan. 1). SC Forestry Commission will handle drawing. (803) 494-8196

### Special Area: Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Santee Dam WMA.

### Archery: Santee Dam WMA (no dogs)

buck only Sept. 1-14 2 bucks per day  
either sex Sept. 15-Nov. 1 2 deer per day

### Muzzleloader: Santee Dam WMA

either sex Sept. 15-Nov. 1 2 deer per day  
Hogs-no limit

### Special Gun Hunt for Youth and Women

Hunters selected by drawing

either sex 1 deer per day Hogs-no limit

### Hog Hunts-Santee Dam WMA

Jan. 3-March 1 No limit

Archery & muzzleloader only (no dogs)

### Special Area: Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg & Georgetown Cos.

- Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total

from Wee Tee WMA.

### Archery: Wee Tee WMA

either sex Oct. 1-9 2 deer per day

### Muzzleloader: Wee Tee WMA

either sex Oct. 11-16 2 deer per day

Gun Hunts: Wee Tee WMA Hogs-no limit

buck only Sept. 6-11 2 deer per day

either sex Sept. 15-25, 2 deer per day

Nov. 1-6, 22-27, Dec. 6-Jan. 1

### Small Game

• Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

### Dove:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day

Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27

Dec. 21-Jan. 15

### Quail:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 (WMA) 15 per day

Nov. 25-Mar. 5 (private land)

Squirrel: Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)

Oct. 1.-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

### Rabbit:

Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005  
guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 24, 2005

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private land

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 2 per party  
opossum-no limit per night

WMA land

Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 2 per party  
opossum-no limit per night

Private land only

Mar. 16-Oct 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Sept. 1-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Fox:

Private and WMA land

Sept 1-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 31 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Mink, Muskrat, Skunk & Otter:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Bobcat, & Weasel:

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver :

Private land No closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

### Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1

No limit

### Special Area: Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co.

• Public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit will be allowed on all land and water below 76.8' following current regulations governing waterfowl hunting on Lake Marion. Waterfowl hunting at or above 76.8' elevation requires a WMA permit. Waterfowl hunters crossing WMA lands to hunt areas below 76.8' lake elevation must have their guns unloaded and cased.

### Small Game: Hickory Top WMA

- Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1; quail 8/day. No open season on fox squirrels.

### Special Area: Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co. ♦ No fox squirrels

- Shotguns only when hunting small game on Santee Dam WMA

### Dove: Santee Dam WMA

- Dove hunts on designated days only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

### Small Game: Santee Dam WMA,

Jan. 3-March 1

- Private land limits apply except, 8 quail/day.

### Special Area: Oak Lea WMA Clarendon Co.

### Small Game: Oak Lea WMA

(No Quail (Private lands seasons  
Hunting & apply except no hunting  
no fox squirrel before Jan. 3 and after  
hunting) March 1.)

### Dove: Oak Lea WMA

Dove hunts on designated days only. Seasons and limits published in the Public Dove Field List available in August.

### Special Area: Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg & Georgetown Cos.

### Small Game: Wee Tee WMA

- No open season for fox hunting.
- Game Zone 9 limits except quail-8 per day
- Game Zone 9 seasons except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Closed during deer & hog hunt periods
- Dogs allowed during small game gun season only.



# Game Zone 10 Florence & Marion counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices: • Wildlife Management Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4768,  
• Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 10. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Zn. 10 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any roads open to vehicle traffic.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken per individual on private and public lands during all seasons, regardless of method (archery, muzzle-loader, or gun).

### Deer: Archery on Private Land

- Limit:** 5 bucks total; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
- buck only** Sept. 1-Jan. 1
- either sex** Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.
- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).

### Deer: Gun Hunts on Private Land

- Limit:** 5 bucks total; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days
- buck only** Sept. 15-Jan. 1
- either sex** Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1.

### Special Area: Marsh Furniture WMA Marion Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Marsh Furniture WMA.
- Scouting days are Sept. 20-25.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- No bay or catch dogs for hog hunting.

#### Archery: Marsh Furniture WMA

- Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs-no limit
- either sex** Oct. 4-9

#### Archery & Muzzleloader: Marsh Furniture WMA

- Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs no limit
- either sex** Oct. 11-23

#### Gun Hunts: Marsh Furniture WMA

- Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs no limit
- buck only** Oct. 25-Nov. 13

#### Special Hog Still Gun Hunts: Marsh Furniture WMA

- Wild hogs may only be taken during deer hunts & special hog hunts, no buckshot, no dogs, no rimfire firearms.
- Nov. 15-20, Mar. 1-19 Hogs Only, No Limit No Dogs, No Buckshot

### Special Area: Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Pee Dee Station Site WMA.
- Scouting days are Oct. 2-4, 16-18, Oct. 30-Nov. 1
- Must sign in and out at check station.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

#### Archery: Pee Dee Station Site WMA

- either sex** Oct. 5-9 1 deer per day

#### Archery & Muzzleloader: Pee Dee Station Site WMA

- either sex** Oct. 19-23, Nov. 2-6 1 deer per day

### Special Area: Little Pee Dee River HP Complex Horry & Marion counties ■

Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunter's Island and Huggins tracts in Horry Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

#### Archery: Little Pee Dee River Complex

- buck only** Sept. 15-25 1 deer per day hogs, no limit

- either sex** Oct. 1-16 1 deer per day

#### Muzzleloader: Little Pee Dee River Complex

- buck only** Oct. 25-30 1 deer per day hogs no limit

- either sex** Nov. 1-6 1 deer per day

#### Gun Hunts: Little Pee Dee River Complex

- buck only** Nov. 8-Nov. 27 1 buck per day hogs no limit

#### Special Hog Still Gun Hunt: Little Pee Dee River HR Complex

- Mar. 1-19 Hogs only, no limit no dogs, no buckshot

## Small Game

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

#### Dove:

- Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day
- Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27
- Dec. 21-Jan. 15

#### Quail:

- Nov. 25-Mar. 1 10 per day

- Squirrel:** Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)
- Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

#### Rabbit:

- Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005 guns & dogs 5 per day
- Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 24, 2005
- Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

### Raccoon & Opossum:

Private land

- Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs 3 per party
- opossum no limit per night

WMA land

- Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party
- opossum no limit per night

Private land only

Mar. 16-Sept 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Sept. 1-Sept 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Fox:

Private land only

- Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit

WMA only

- Sept. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Private land only

Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

### Mink, Muskrat & Otter:

- Sept. 15-Mar. 1 No limit

### Bobcat, Skunk & Weasel:

- Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver

Private land no closed season

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

### Crow:

- Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Special Area: Marsh Furniture WMA Marion Co.

#### Rabbit, Squirrel, Opossum, & Quail

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 10 limits

(Wed. thru Sat. only)

**Woodcock:** Wed. thru Sat. Federal season

#### Raccoons: Marsh Furniture WMA

Dec. 1-31 (Wed-Sat. only) 3 per party per night

### Special Area: Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence Co.

- Must sign in and out at check station.

#### Small Game: Pee Dee Station Site WMA

Nov. 27-Feb. 26 Regular Zone 10 limits

(Wed. and Sat. only)

### Special Area: Little Pee Dee River HP Complex Horry & Marion counties

Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunter's Island and Huggins tracts in Horry Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

- No Fox squirrel hunting.

#### Small Game: Little Pee Dee River Complex

Nov. 25-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 10 limits



# Game Zone 11 Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper & Beaufort counties

Please refer to the regulations and laws for hunting private lands and Wildlife Management Areas on pages 29-39 before you hunt.

SCDNR offices: • Wildlife Management Offices, Webb Center, 1282 Webb Ave., Garnett 803-625-3569

585 Donnelley Dr, Hwy 17, Green Pond 843-844-8957, P. O. Box 23, New Ellenton 803-725-3663

• Law Enforcement Offices, 1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303, 217 Ft. Johnson Rd, Charleston 843-953-9307,

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 11. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is allowed on private lands in Game Zone 11 but prohibited on all WMAs.
- Antlerless deer tags are valid on private land starting Sept. 15. Individual tags are not valid on properties which are enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program.

### Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts on Private Land

**Limit:** No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either sex days

**buck only** Aug. 14-Jan. 1

**either sex** Oct. 9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30,  
Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20,  
Dec. 18, 25, Jan 1

### Special Area: Bear Island WMA Colleton Co.

- All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island office.
- Hunting in designated areas only.

#### Archery: Bear Island WMA

**either sex** Oct. 1-9 3 deer total

#### Gun Hunts (Rifles only): Bear Island WMA

**either sex** Oct. 22-30 3 deer total  
1 buck only

### Special Area: Donnelley WMA Colleton Co.

- Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.
- Hunting in designated areas only.
- Gates will open at 4:00 am for deer hunts.
- Open for archery scouting Sept. 30, Oct. 30, Nov. 30
- Bucks must have a minimum 4 pts. on one side or a 12" minimum antler spread.
- Hogs can be taken during all deer hunts.
- Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken from Donnelley alive, and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station.
- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

#### Archery: Donnelley WMA

**either sex** Oct. 1-Oct. 5, 4 deer per season.  
Nov. 1-Nov. 5, No more  
Dec. 1-Dec. 4 than 2 bucks.

#### Gun Hunts: Donnelley WMA

- Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 32.

#### Hog Party Hunts: Donnelley WMA

with dogs Mar. 3-5, 2005 No limit  
Gate open at 5:00 am Handguns only

### Special Area: Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper counties

- All deer must be checked at check station.
- No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.
- Hog hunters must sign in and out at the Webb Center and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken from Palachucola alive. All hogs taken must be checked at the Webb Center and have data cards completed.
- Hunters may camp at Palachucola camping area nights prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts only.
- Hogs may be taken during all deer hunts.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.

#### Archery: Palachucola WMA

**either sex** Sept. 29-Oct. 9 3 deer total

#### Gun Hunts: Palachucola WMA

- Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 24.

#### Still & Stalk Hog Hunts: Palachucola WMA

no dogs Sept. 7, 14, 21 No limit  
No buckshot Archery & firearms

#### Hog Hunts: Palachucola WMA

with dogs Sept. 2, 9, 16 No limit  
Mar. 3, 4, 5 Handguns only

- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

### Special Area: St. Helena Sound HP WMA Beaufort and Colleton counties

- Hunting and camping by special permit which may be obtained at Donnelley WMA, Green Pond, 843-844-8957.

#### Archery: Otter Island only, St. Helena Sound WMA

**either sex** Nov. 1-30 2 deer total  
1 per day

#### Archery: Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big & South Williman Islands only, St. Helena Sound WMA

**either sex** Oct. 1-Jan. 1 3 deer total  
1 per day

### Special Area: Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper Co.

- All deer must be checked at check station.
- All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

#### Archery: Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA

**either sex** Oct. 29-Nov. 13 2 deer total

### Archery & Muzzleloader: Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA

**buck only** Dec. 10-18 2 deer total

**either sex** Dec. 10-11, 17-18

### Special Area: Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort Co.

- All deer must be checked at check station.

#### Archery: Victoria Bluff HP WMA

**either sex** Oct. 7-9, 14-16 3 deer  
21-23, 28-30 per hunt  
Nov. 5-13 period  
Dec. 3-11

### Special Area: James W. Webb WMA Hampton Co.

- Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.
- Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.
- Hog hunters must sign in and out at the Webb Center and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken from Webb WMA alive. All hogs taken must be checked at the Webb Center and have data cards completed.
- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
- Hunters may camp at Bluff Lake the night prior to hog and turkey hunts only.

#### Gun Hunts: James W. Webb WMA

- Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 32.

#### Still & Stalk Hog Hunts: James W. Webb WMA

no dogs Sept. 7, 14, 21 No limit  
No buckshot Archery & firearms

#### Hog Hunts: James W. Webb WMA

with dogs Sept. 2, 9, 16 No limit  
Mar. 3, 4, 5 Handguns only

## Small Game

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are the same as those listed below except dog running seasons for rabbit, raccoon, opossum and fox. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs listed in this section.

### Dove on Private Land only:

Sept. 4-6 (afternoons only) 12 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 9, Nov. 20-27  
Dec. 21-Jan. 15

### Quail:

Nov. 22-Mar. 1 15 per day

Game Zone 11 continued on next page.

**Squirrel:** Mar. 2-Sept. 30 dogs only (priv. land)  
Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

**Rabbit:**  
Private and WMA Nov. 25, 2004-Mar. 1, 2005  
guns & dogs 5 per day

Private land only Mar. 2, 2005-Nov. 24, 2005  
Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30  
Running season-dogs, no guns

**Raccoon & Opossum:**  
Private land  
Sept. 15-Mar. 15 guns & dogs No limit  
WMA land  
Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit  
Private land only  
Mar. 16-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA land  
Sept. 1-Sept. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns

**Fox:**  
Private land only  
Aug. 16-Jan. 1 guns & dogs No limit  
WMA only  
Sept. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit  
Private land only  
Jan. 2-Aug. 15 Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA land  
Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Running season-dogs, no guns

**Bobcat, Beaver, Mink, Muskrat,  
Skunk, Otter & Weasel:**  
Nov. 25-Mar. 1 No limit

**Beaver**  
Private land no closed season  
WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1

**Crow:**  
Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

**Special Area: Bear Island WMA  
Colleton Co.**  
• No hog hunting during small game hunts.  
• Hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island office.  
• Hunting in designated areas only.

**Dove: Bear Island WMA**  
• Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

**Quail: Bear Island WMA**  
Feb. 1 - Mar. 1 15 per day  
(Tuesdays only)

**Raccoon & Opossum: Bear Island WMA**  
Feb. 2 - Mar. 11 No limit  
(Wed. & Fri. nights only)

**Other Small Game: Bear Island WMA**  
Feb. 2-26 Regular Zone 11 limits  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

**Waterfowl: Bear Island WMA**  
• Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 32.

**Special Area: Donnelley WMA  
Colleton Co.**  
• No hog hunting during small game hunts.  
• Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.  
• Hunting in designated areas only.  
• Gates will open at 6:00 am.

**Dove: Donnelley WMA**  
• Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

**Raccoon & Opossum: Donnelley WMA**  
Dec. 7 - Jan. 25 3 per party per night  
(Tues. nights only) Opossum-no limit  
Feb. 1 - Mar. 1  
(Tues & Fri. nights only)

**Other Small Game: Donnelley WMA**  
Dec. 8 - Jan. 26 Regular Zone 11 limits  
(Wed. only)  
Feb. 2-26  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken at Donnelley WMA.  
**Waterfowl: Donnelley WMA**  
• Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 32.

**Special Area: Palachucola WMA  
Hampton & Jasper counties**  
• No hog hunting during small game hunts.  
• No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.  
• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.

**Small Game: Palachucola WMA**  
• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and

no small game hunting on Sept. 29-Oct. 9, Oct. 14-16, 21-23, Nov. 11-13, Nov. 18-20, Dec. 2-4, 9-11.

• Quail and fox squirrels may not be hunted at Palachucola WMA.

**Special Area: Victoria Bluff HP  
WMA Beaufort Co.**

• Shotguns only (no shot larger than No. 2)  
• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.  
• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Victoria Bluff WMA.

**Special Area: James W. Webb WMA  
Hampton Co.**

• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.  
• No hog hunting during small game hunts.

**Dove: James W. Webb WMA**  
• Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

**Quail: James W. Webb WMA**  
• Quail hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings, page 32.

**Other Small Game: James W. Webb WMA**  
• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting or fishing on Mon. & Fri. afternoons and evenings or on Tues. & Sat. mornings from Sept. 15-Dec. 31.  
• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at James W. Webb WMA.

**Special Area: Tillman Sand Ridge HP  
WMA Jasper Co.**

• No hog hunting during small game hunts.  
• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts  
• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA.

**Special Area: Turtle Island WMA  
Jasper Co.**  
• Waterfowl hunting is open on Wed. & Sat. during the waterfowl season.

• Marsh hen hunting is open during the marsh hen season.  
• Other small game hunting is closed.



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# LIFETIME LICENSE APPLICATION

## GRATIS OVER 65 LICENSE & DISABILITY LICENSE APPLICATION

SCDNR, PO Box 11710, Columbia SC 29211



DNR

Lifetime Licenses available to South Carolina **residents only**. Resident means any person who is a citizen of the United States and who has been a domiciled resident of the state of South Carolina for a period of 180 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of application for license. A copy of a South Carolina driver's license or reasonable proof of residency must accompany application. (Ownership of property or payment of property taxes or both does not necessarily constitute residency.) *Please type or print:*

APPLICANT'S NAME Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, SC Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Post Office Box is given, list actual street location also)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year Required for age 1 and up.

SC DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. (enclose copy) \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIFETIME FISHING .....  | \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIFETIME HUNTING (Small Game Only) .....  | \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIFETIME COMBINATION (Under 2 years of age) .....                                       | \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIFETIME COMBINATION (2 to under 16 years of age) .....                                 | \$400.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIFETIME COMBINATION (16 to under 64 years of age) .....                                | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIFETIME COMBINATION (Age 64 or older)(submit a copy of your SC driver's license) ..... | \$9.00   |

*NOTE: Lifetime licenses listed above do not include saltwater fishing license, state or federal duck stamps, migratory bird permit or WMA Permit. Combination License includes fishing, hunting & big game only. A copy of a certified birth certificate must accompany applications for lifetime licenses for all persons under 16. Hospital copies will not be accepted and copies of birth certificates cannot be returned. At age 65, this license automatically carries the same privileges as the Gratis over 65. (See privileges for Gratis over 65 listed below)*

*Hunter Education is required for persons born after June 30, 1979. If you have completed a Hunter Education course, show state and Hunter Education number.* STATE \_\_\_\_\_ HUNTER EDUCATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply for, hold, or use SCDNR licenses, permits, stamps, or tags and that the information provided above is true and correct.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE & MAIL TO: South Carolina Wildlife Endowment Fund, SCDNR, PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211.

Complete personal information above and return entire page to address listed at the top of form.

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|--------------------------|--|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GRATIS LICENSE FOR PERSONS OVER 65 (submit a copy of your SC driver's license) .....                           | FREE |
|                          | PRIVILEGES: Valid for hunting, fresh & saltwater fishing, big game, wildlife management area, state duck stamp |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GRATIS LICENSE FOR DISABLED PERSONS (See criteria below.) .....  | FREE |
|                          | PRIVILEGES: Valid for hunting, fresh & saltwater fishing, big game, wildlife management area, state duck stamp |      |

SC Code of Law, Sec. 50-9-510 (16) provides that any person who has been a domiciled resident of South Carolina for at least one year and who is determined to be totally disabled under one of the programs listed below, may obtain a statewide fishing and hunting license. It is valid only for three years and disability recertification will be required for renewal. Any person with quadriplegia or paraplegia who is certified as totally disabled will not have to obtain a disability recertification. The license, when issued, will be permanent.

Check the program below that has certified you as disabled and attach a recent or current copy of such agency certification to this form.  
Application forms received without such documentation will be returned to the applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Administration\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ SC State Retirement System  
\_\_\_\_\_ US Dept. of Veterans Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_ Federal Civil Service  
\_\_\_\_\_ Railroad Retirement Board  
\_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid Assistance

\*If you are currently receiving disability benefits from Social Security, please attach a current copy of your Benefits Verification Statement to this application. You may request the Benefits Verification Statement from Social Security by calling toll free 1-800-772-1213.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Special DNR Hunts For Youth and the Mobility Impaired

Youth Hunts	Age	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Turkey	10-17	March 26, 2005	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to turkey hunting except: Bear Island, Donnelley, Keowee, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery Waterfowl Area	
Raccoon	10-17	Sept. 11 2004	Private Lands Only	
Squirrel	10-17	Sept. 25, 2004	Private Lands Only	
Quail	10-17	Nov. 20, 2004	Private Lands Only	
Rabbit	10-17	Nov. 20, 2004	Private Lands Only	
Deer	10-17	Jan. 8, 2005	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to deer hunting except: Bear Island, Crackerneck, Donnelley, Draper, Fant's Grove, Keowee, McBee, Palachucola, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery and Webb	
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 4	Pickens Co.	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671 ext. 16 (Clemson office) Pre-registration required. Applications available in Aug. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 4	Abbeville Co. USFS	DNR (864)223-2731. (Greenwood office) Pre-registration required beginning August 9, deadline Aug. 20. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 4	Newberry County Union County DNR& USFS Fields	Pre-registration required beginning August 9, deadline August 20. Call USFS office (803) 276-4810 for Newberry field and DNR office (864) 654-1671 for Union field. Youth must be accompanied by adult at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 4	Draper WMA York Co.	DNR. Pre-registration required beginning July 1, deadline Aug. 20. Youth must be accompanied by adult at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 4	Manchester State Forest	Applications available in August. Region 3 (803) 734-3887
Youth Dove	5-15	Sept. 4	Oconee Co.	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671 ext. 16 (Clemson office) Pre-registration required. Applications available in Aug. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Youth Dove	5-15	To Be Selected	Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co.	For Information call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3383 or (843) 761-8220
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	October 23	Deer Unlimited Hunt Club. (McCormick Co.)	Applications available September 1-15th. Greenwood Office (864) 223-2731.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Nov. 6	Poinsett Gunnery Range (Sumter)	Applications available in September. Region 3 (803) 734-3887
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Oct. 16	Mulberry Hunt, Charaketo Hunt & Boykin Mill Gun Clubs (Kershaw Co.)	Applications available in mid-August. Call or write DNR office or download application from DNR website.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Oct. 30	Dodson Farm (Spartanburg Co.)	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671. Call or write for application or download application from DNR website.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Nov. 13	10 Point Hunt Club (Spartanburg Co.)	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671. Call or write for application or download application from DNR website.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Oct. 2	Fants Grove WMA	Applications available in early Aug. - Sept. 15 and due by Sept. 20. Call Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 16
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Oct. 16	100 Oaks Plantation York County	Applications available in mid-August. Call or write DNR office or download application from DNR website.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-17	Selected days Oct.-Dec.	Moultrie Hunt Unit Santee Dam WMA	Applications available August 20 through September 20. Call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3388 or (843) 761-8820.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-17	Oct. 8-9 Nov. 12-13	Tibwin (Francis Marion Hunt Unit)	Applications available early September. Call U.S. Forest Service at (843) 887-3258.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Dec. 4	Harris Springs Sportsman's Preserve, Laurens Co.	Applications available in mid-August. Call or write Region I DNR office. (864) 654-1671 or download application from DNR website.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Oct. 23 Nov. 13	Thompson Brown (Spartanburg & Union Cos.)	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671. Application available in August or download from DNR website.
Youth Deer Draw Hunt	10-15	Dec. 4	Clinton House PLT. (Laurens Co.)	Region I DNR (864) 654-1671. Application available in August or download from DNR website.
Adult/youth deer, turkey and small game	17 & younger	See page 46	Bluefield WMA	Bluefield WMA and Bonneau Ferry Area A is open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Adult may hunt also. See page 36 for dates and limits. For more information call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3388 or (843) 761-8820.
Ad/youth deer, sm gm	17 & younger	See page 45	Bonneau Ferry Area A	
Youth raccoon	17 & younger	January	Orangeburg County	For applications call Dennis Wildlife Center at (843) 825-3388 or (843) 761-8820 (Raccoon). Applications due before the first Saturday in Jan.
Youth raccoon	17 & younger	January	Colleton Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at (803) 734-3609.
Youth raccoon	17 & younger	October	Darlington Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at (803) 734-3609.
Youth raccoon	17 & younger	November	Edgefield Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at (803) 734-3609.
Youth raccoon	17 & younger	November	Union Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at (803) 734-3609.
Youth raccoon	17 & younger	November	Georgetown Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at (803) 734-3609.
S.C. Youth Raccoon Hunting Championship	17 & younger	February	Webb WMA	Participants are selected by regional Qualifying hunts. For more information call the fur-bearer project at (803) 734-3609 or Webb WMA at (803) 625-3569.
Youth Raccoon	17 & younger	December	Pickens, Oconee & Anderson	Applications available Sept. For more information contact the Clemson DNR office at (864) 654-1671
Draw adult/youth turkey	10-17	Saturdays in April	SanteeCooper	WMA Turkey applications available in late February. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898.
Draw adult/youth turkey	10-17	Saturdays in April	Donnelley WMA	Applications available in late February. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898. Applications due in March.
Draw youth Waterfowl	15 & younger	Sat. during season.	Donnelley WMA	Applications available in October. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898.
Youth Waterfowl	15 & younger	Date not set	Fant's Grove WMA	Applications available in October. Call Columbia office at (803) 734-3898.
<b>Mobility Impaired Hunts</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sponsor/Contact Info.</b>
Deer		Oct. 22-23 (pm only)	Tibwin Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville (843) 887-3257.
Deer		Nov. 5-6 (Fri.-pm/Sat.-am)	Upstate Private Areas Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg & Union counties	International Paper Co., TCA International, Inc., Quaker Creek Farm, Campbell Property, Pitts Place, Mudlick, Woollen Farm, Carroll Hunt Club, Southern Timber Assoc., Belfast Hunt Club, Clinton House Plantation, Blackmon Farm, Beulah Creek Hunt Club, B.D. Properties, Thomason Farm, Cowford Land Co., Longbeard Tmbr. Co. & SCDNR. Call SCDNR office (864) 654-1671 or download application from DNR website.
Deer		Dec. 3-4 (pm only)	Tibwin, Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville (843) 887-3257.
Deer		Dec. 17-18 (Fri.-pm/Sat.-am)	Webb Wildlife Center Hampton County	SCDNR. Call SCDNR Webb Center (803) 625-3569.
<i>Note: Eligibility requirements for mobility impaired deer hunts at these locations are as follows: Persons permanently confined to a wheelchair, persons permanently requiring the use of mechanical aids (crutches, walkers, and etc.) to walk or persons with complete single or double leg amputations.</i>				

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